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Mother charged with killing kids

Same women allegedly dumped a third toddler in dumpster last year Bodies have not been recovered, unlikely they ever will be, according to police Accused made first court appearance yesterday

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Following a chain of events described as rare and disturbing, a Calgary mother has been charged with killing two of her children, just days after also being accused of dumping a third in a dumpster.

Meredith Katharine Borowiec, 30, is believed to have given birth at unknown Calgary locations in both 2008 and 2009, said Staff Sgt. Kelly Campbell, adding her unit was made aware of the suspected births while talking with witnesses about a October 2010 incident. In that case, a newborn, also believed to be Borowiec's, was found crying in a dumpster.

"This isn't something that you see every day," Campbell said. "It was a long process to get to this point in our investigation."

Borowiec was charged with attempted murder in the dumpster case and first appeared in court yesterday to answer to two charges of second-degree murder in relation to the newly revealed allegations made against her.

▶ Richard Scholz hits the right note yesterday as Calgary Transit commuters pass by.

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Entertaining commuters during the rush hour

As part of a new partnership between Calgary Transit and the Calgary Philharmonic Orchestra, a brass quintet entertained commuters during rush hour yesterday. The group played for nearly three hours inside the Chinook C-Train Station.

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Face of Occupy changes

Authorities move in on some camps as protesters plan next steps {page 13}

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Law will 'ensare' people: Group

Legal groups say Alberta's proposed plan to crack down on suspected impaired drivers will lead to innocent people being punished.

The Criminal Trial Lawyers' Association said it is concerned about part of Bill 26 that would allow police to suspend the licence of a driver suspected of being over the legal blood-alcohol limit of .08 until the criminal charge is resolved by the courts.

President D'Arcy DePoe said with the court system badly backed up, it could take up to a year for a case to go to trial. That would lead to innocent people pleading guilty just to resolve the case more quickly.

"It means that this roadside suspension is essentially indefinite, and that provision in the legislation is designed to do nothing but force people to plead guilty," DePoe said yesterday. "It will ensnare innocent people."

Part of Alberta's law is partly modelled on legislation brought in by British Columbia last year that allows police to slap drivers with licence suspensions and impound their vehicles if they are caught with a blood-alcohol reading between .05 and .08, just below the legal limit.

The B.C. government says since its law was enacted 10 months ago, the number of impaired-driving-related fatalities dropped by almost half.

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▶ Chair of the Calgary Police Commission Mike Shaikh addresses media questions following city council's approval of the police budget.

Police funding hikes taxes

Taxes are likely to rise by 6 per cent or more after council approves funding ◐ Mayor was pushing for a tax hike of around 5 per cent

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Tax rates were bumped up another percentage point during Day 2 of budget talks following city council's decision to not only restore proposed cuts to the police but to also fund additional staff.

During the debate, Mayor Naheed Nenshi argued the city should ask the province to cough up the cash to pay for additional officers. However, the vast majority of council voted in favour of restoring $5.1 million to the police budget, as well as footing the $18.3-million bill over three years for 122 new officers.

"It's too much of an uncertainty," said Ald. John Mar of relying on the province. "We needed to provide the Calgary Police Service with certainty now."

Mike Shaikh, chair of the Calgary Police Commission, said he's pleased council showed confidence in the police.

"This has taken a lot of resources," he said of the budget process. "Now (police) can get back to work and do what they're good at."

Although he was against restoring money for the police, Nenshi said he's confident it will be spent well.

"If we were going to invest $5 million, would I really have invested it in front-desk service at police district offices? I'm not sure that's the best use of $5 million, but, again, it's not a bad use of $5 million"

Money matters

- The $5.1 million will go towards keeping community stations open, as well as to crime-prevention programs, said police Chief Rick Hanson.
- Forty-five positions were at risk of being cut, the majority of which would have been officers.
- Council decision on police funding will cost the average taxpayer roughly an additional $1.10 per month.

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Part 1 of 3

Horrors of drunk driving stay vivid

Tragedy of crashes overrides legal red tape, frontline officers say ◗ Part 1 of Sober Reality series

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With the introduction of strengthened impaired-driving legislation in Alberta this week, Metro explores the culture of drunk driving and evaluates whether new penalties will have any impact.

Const. Brad Norman can recall the night of Dec. 7, 2007, like it was yesterday.

He was at a family gathering when the call came in — a cement truck had plowed into the back of a mid-sized vehicle stopped at a red light on Macleod Trail.

Five people, including three children under the age of 10, were killed instantly.

"It's not fun," Norman said during Metro's recent behind-the-scenes look at the police Check Stop unit. "I phone my son every time it happens.... The moment he picks up, he knows what's going on."

The driver, Cochrane resident Daniel Tschetter, was found guilty of several counts of manslaughter about two years after the incident. A court verdict found he was under the influence of alcohol at the time of the crash.

Sober Reality

- **Tomorrow:** Foolish efforts and confusion are common among impaired offenders.
- **Friday:** Critics say new impaired laws could actually harm the fight against drunk driving.

Awful crash memories are fresher for Norman's colleague Const. Kyle Palyga, who worked extensively on the investigation of a fatal crash along McKnight Boulevard this month.

Two motorists were killed. Once again, a car stopped at a red light was hit. Once again, police allege alcohol was a factor.

"Most people don't think these things actually happen or will ever happen to them," said Palyga, who often confides in a family member who once worked as a crash-reconstruction expert. "I don't have a magic answer for this — I think it's ultimately (about) showing people the consequences."

Nabbing an impaired driver is a point of pride for members of the Check Stop unit. Norman and Palyga exchanged a quick fist-pound during a recent shift after a driver they detained provided a blood-alcohol reading nearly two times the legal limit.

Both officers, however, make it clear they wish the unit were not necessary, and catching intoxicated motorists has nothing to do with boosting statistics.

"It's about preserving public safety," said Norman, who estimates he has laid 185 impaired-driving charges in his career and; of those, at least 120 were convicted. "Even if the charge gets thrown out later, (the impaired driver) gets home tonight, I get home tonight and everyone else out there gets home tonight."

Check Stop

- **The Calgary police Check Stop unit** is the only one in Canada that works 52 weeks a year. A typical setup can involve anywhere from three to 12 officers.
- **Drunk-driving convictions** in Calgary have remained relatively steady in recent years; however, police are seeing higher blood-alcohol readings among those caught, with the average being roughly three times the legal limit.

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▶ Officers Kyle Palyga, left, and Brad Norma prepare a breathalyzer at a Calgary Police Service district office during a recent outing by the Check Stop unit.

Impaired conviction is tricky business

Calgary police officers working to convict impaired drivers say they are forced to walk a legal tightrope to prevent the case being thrown out in court.

If drivers register a fail on a roadside blood-alcohol test, they are detained and transported to a nearby district office to provide two more samples.

During a behind-the-scenes look at the process, Metro observed police officers recording minute-by-minute notes of every action taken by the detained person. If someone spends 10 minutes in the washroom, it is noted. If a person refuses to get into a taxi after being charged, that goes into the record as well.

25 Police estimates suggest that roughly 50 per cent of people charged with impaired driving automatically plead guilty. Of cases that do go trial, about half see the charges withdrawn or concluded with a not-guilty verdict.

Police do not dial up legal counsel for an accused person but must grant a reasonable amount of time for them to do so no matter their level of impairment.

"As far as with the courts, it's sometimes comical the reasons they will find to throw the charge out," said Sgt. Joerg Gottschling. "It could be the courts hear that we had to wait 15 minutes for a tow-truck to arrive. We don't carry them in our pockets, and they decide that's an unreasonable detention and throw it out."

Calgary police Chief Rick Hanson has said that of all Criminal Code charges, an impaired driving conviction is the most difficult to attain. ● JEREMY NOLAIS

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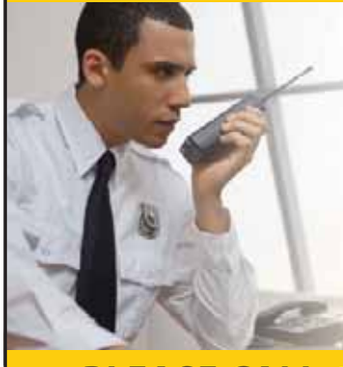

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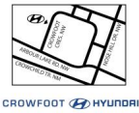

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City eyes court action

But demonstrator Tavis Ford says protest won't stop

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Hours after the removal of unoccupied tents began at Olympic Plaza, city officials said they are seeking a court injunction to remove Occupy protesters.

Bylaw manager Bill Bruce said yesterday the city's law department is determining if there is enough evidence to proceed with an injunction.

"The best thing we can do is put that matter before the courts," said Bruce.

Demonstrator Linda, who did not wish to give her last name, said she is seven months' pregnant with twins and she went into false labour Monday evening.

When she returned to the camp, Linda said, she discovered her tent was gone with the items in it — including insulin for her diabetes and pictures and items belonging to her deceased son.

"I'm mad, I'm angry.... I believed in this occupancy but it's falling apart."

When asked if it has been worth it, she shock her head with tears in her eyes and said: "No."

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▶ Occupy demonstrator Linda speaks with a police officer about when and where she can pick up confiscated items.

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Redford on the defensive

Alberta Premier Alison Redford, fending off opposition accusations of promise-breaking, told the legislature yesterday that she has "constructively delivered" on her leadership-campaign commitments.

"At the end of the day what Albertans will determine going into the next election is who actually constructively delivered on their commitments," said Redford, who has been in the premier's office for less than two months.

Opponents rejected that interpretation during a fiery question period that previewed the pitched battle coming in next spring's general election.

"The arrogance from this premier is overwhelming," said NDP Leader Brian Mason.

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Options for input on Education Act

Alberta's Education minister is offering several ways for people to provide input on the overhaul of the Education Act.

Thomas Lukaszuk isn't limiting submissions to educators, because, he says, "it is important we get it right."

He told the Alberta School Boards Association convention in Edmonton yesterday that hearing from students, parents, grandparents, teachers and community leaders will help ensure new legislation reflects Albertans' vision for their education system.

Lukaszuk is welcoming input online, via public hearings and letters.

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Police seek medication thieves

Medication, uniforms and equipment were among the items police say were taken after unidentified thieves snatched them from an unlocked and unattended ambulance.

Police say the ambulance was parked in a bay at the Foothills Medical Centre Nov. 21 just before midnight.

According to police, the lifted medications are not typically abused drugs, but are dangerous if taken improperly or mixed with alcohol.

Anyone with information is asked to call the Calgary police District 3 office at 403-567-6300. METRO

WCB hostage-taker gets close to 11 years

- Clayton has nine-year-old WCB claim that is still not resolved
- Judge reprimands accused for apologizing to hostages but not to WCB

A man who held nine people hostage at gunpoint in a Workers' Compensation Board office building in Edmonton was sentenced yesterday to almost 11 years in prison.

But the judge gave Patrick Clayton four years of credit for time he spent in pretrial custody.

Queen's Bench Justice Sterling Sanderman also ruled Clayton will have to serve at least half of his remaining sentence of six years and 10 months before he is eligible for parole.

Sanderman cited Clayton's "reckless and patently dangerous conduct" that understandably caused fear in his victims.

Clayton, who was armed with a hunting rifle and 100 rounds of ammunition, herded nine people into a conference room in the downtown Edmonton building on Oct. 21, 2009.

The self-confessed cocaine addict had a long-standing beef over a claim for a knee injury he had received on a construction site seven years earlier.

He slowly released the hostages before surrendering peacefully to police 10 hours later.

Clayton, 40, pleaded guilty to hostage-taking, pointing a firearm and possession of a weapon for a dangerous purpose.

Clayton cried throughout the lengthy sentencing hearing and testified on his own behalf. He apologized to the hostages, but also railed against the compensation board, describing himself a "political prisoner of corporate bullying."

He admitted to using cocaine over two days before marching through the front doors of the building with his grandfather's gun. He shot over the head of a fleeing security guard, striking a wall, then forced the hostages into a conference room on the eighth floor.

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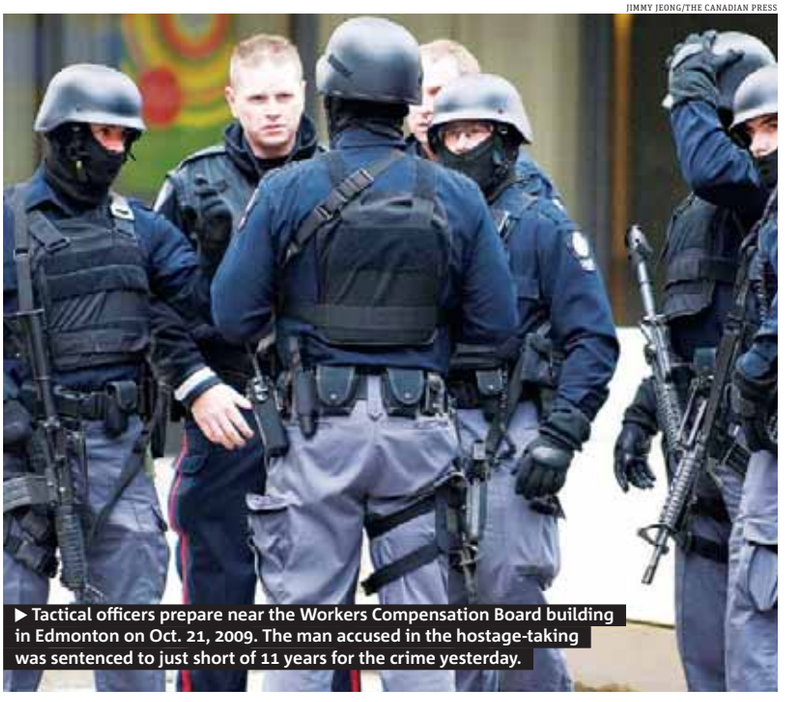

▶ Tactical officers prepare near the Workers Compensation Board building in Edmonton on Oct. 21, 2009. The man accused in the hostage-taking was sentenced to just short of 11 years for the crime yesterday.

Judge's words

- Justice Sanderman said it was ironic that Clayton's quarrel was with the compensation board, but he targeted innocent people.
- Clayton still unrealistically blames the board for his problems, the judge said.

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CARBON EMISSIONS

AG slams province's pollution rules

Alberta's auditor general is taking the province to task for failing to clear up its fuzzy rules on carbon offsets.

Merwan Saher says the result is that there's no way to know if large-scale polluters are meeting their emission targets.

Saher made the findings in a new report he released today.

The auditor general says that despite an earlier warning that the government deliver proper guidance to facilities and to those who implement the offset protocols, the problem still exists.

The offsets allow large-scale producers an alternative if they don't meet emission-intensity targets. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Laser-pointer seizure leads to charges

Charges have been laid against a youngster by Crowsnest Pass RCMP after a lengthy investigation stemming from an alleged incident involving a laser pointer and an aircraft.

The incident involved an RCMP helicopter overseeing a July 16 fireworks demonstration and a green laser beam being pointed into the cockpit, say police.

Police on the ground assisted in the identification of the youth, and the laser light was seized.

No one was injured in the incident. The youth will appear in Pincher Creek court Dec. 2

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Home-schooling on the rise

JEREMY NOLAIS/METRO

▶ Line Vallieres watches over the studies of her twin children, Paschal and Catherine Butt-Vallieres.

Personalized learning, avoiding large classrooms appeals to families

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Alternative

▶ Calgary Board of Education launched blended learning and parent-led learning options six years ago.

Home-schooling is proving popular with public-school families in Calgary, but parent participants say their kids are still interacting with other students on a daily basis.

The CBE-Learn program saw a 30 per cent jump in enrolment heading into the current fall semester. Previously, the largest gain year-over-year was less than 10 per cent, explained Cathy Faber, superintendent for learning innovations.

"The success is really a demonstration on how parents have come to understand the choices they can make within the Calgary board," Faber said.

Critics of the education model have long maintained that home-schooling does not equip children with vital social skills they need later in life; however, the CBE model aims to.

Teacher support is available at a local school weekly for CBE-Learn families and events are held around the city that allow kids to interact with each other.

Line Vallieres is busy raising her two children through the program and says she wouldn't have it any other way.

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Health Canada rapped over slow drug info

- Public should be told about risks sooner, says auditor general
- Tories warned: Don't let cost-cutting increase the dangers

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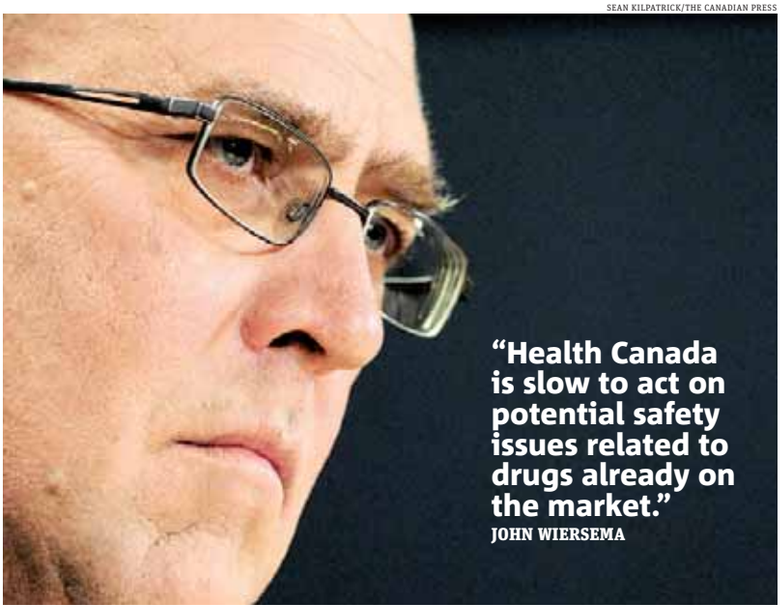

"Health Canada is slow to act on potential safety issues related to drugs already on the market."
JOHN WIERSEMA

The public is waiting far too long to be warned of significant risks about the drugs they take, the federal auditor general said yesterday.

It's only the latest example of risk caused by rampant information mismanagement that is undercutting work in many federal departments, said interim auditor general John Wiersema.

He warned the government to make sure things don't get worse as it goes about a major cost-cutting exercise.

"We have found that poor information is a widespread, chronic problem in the federal government," Wiersema said in an overview of government operations.

"Managers are not systematically collecting and using the information they need to manage their programs, and they are not held accountable for this."

The audit of Health Canada found the department has an archaic system of monitoring that can take years to tell the public that some drugs already on the market come with significant risks.

In one case, a drug that was being prescribed for epilepsy, migraines, psychiatric conditions or weight loss was found to be linked to birth defects.

But it took six months for the brand-name drug to include a warning, and almost two years for generic producers to be told they had to change their labels and warnings.

In another case, the United States was already warning in 2006 that the long-term benefits of low-dose ASA could be eroded by taking ibuprofen.

But in Canada, a review took more than three years.

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Submerged-car victims lived in fear, court told

Three girls allegedly killed by their family over honour complained to police, child protection officials and social workers just months before their deaths, a court has heard.

They said their father and brother assaulted them and their mother feared for their lives, the court in Kingston was told yesterday.

The eldest daughter, Zainab, 19, ran away to a women's shelter two months before the girls' bodies were found in a submerged car.

She told workers there that she was afraid of her father, the court heard.

"Be aware of my bro.... I (don't) want to give him the slightest idea that we (are) friends."
ALLEGEDLY PART OF AN EMAIL VICTIM WROTE TO HER BOYFRIEND

The girls' parents, Tooba Mohammad Yahya, 41, and Mohammad Shafia, 58, and their brother, Hamed Mohammad Shafia, 20, are accused of killing them as well as Shafia's other wife in a polygamous marriage.

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FORMAL GUIDELINES

Ottawa tunes in to tweets

The federal government has hit the Like button on social media.

It's unveiling guides for how departments should use sites like Twitter and Facebook.

"For many Canadians, Web 2.0 is increasingly becoming a primary channel for sending, receiving and generating information," say the guidelines. But they also note public servants need to be aware of the risks of operating in social media circles.

Treasury Board President Tony Clement, who is an avid user of social media, said: "They are the modern-day equivalents of 'town halls.'"

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Occupy Canada changes shape

Camps in many cities dismantled, handed eviction notices Activists plan next move, some want to stay

The face of the Occupy Canada movement was changing as authorities moved into camps in Victoria, Quebec City and Calgary, and groups in Toronto and Ottawa waited to see if police would enforce eviction deadlines.

The Occupy Toronto site showed clear signs of a protest on the wane early yesterday, with several tents already taken down and demonstrators with garbage bags cleaning up.

"There's a lot of mess here, obviously, after five weeks, so we're starting to tidy up — try to make it look presentable before we leave entirely," said Brent Hendren, 24, of London, Ont. In Montreal, protesters expressed a resolve to stay in place despite a request from the city's mayor for them to vacate.

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▶ Police officers walk through the Occupy Toronto camp yesterday in St. James Park in Toronto.

In Quebec City, police mounted an operation at dawn to begin removing Occupy protesters. They reportedly offered no resistance when police moved in. And police in Victoria, B.C., arrested one person as they ousted the remaining participants of the Occupy Victoria movement.

The removal began before dawn, one day after lawyers for the City of Victoria appeared in B.C. Supreme Court, winning an enforcement order that gave police the power to remove campers and their belongings.

Occupy Vancouver activists were ousted for a second time yesterday in a court ruling that left them considering where to move their roving protest next.

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November. Rain

▶ An umbrella-wielding pedestrian high-steps through a large puddle after heavy rain hit the area near Portland, Ore., yesterday.

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Pelted in Portland

First F-35s unable to talk to troops, older planes

The first dozen or so F-35s slated to arrive in Canada won't be equipped with software that allows the stealth fighters to communicate with ground forces, a feature designed to prevent incidents of friendly fire.

The initial operating system also won't be equipped with a program that helps the fighters communicate with older aircraft, such as the Air Force's Aurora surveillance planes.

The software isn't expected to be added until an upgrade program is introduced in 2019 - three years after the Royal Canadian Air Force begins taking delivery the advanced multi-role fighter.

The system that helps distinguish between friend and foe is known as a Blue Force Tracker.

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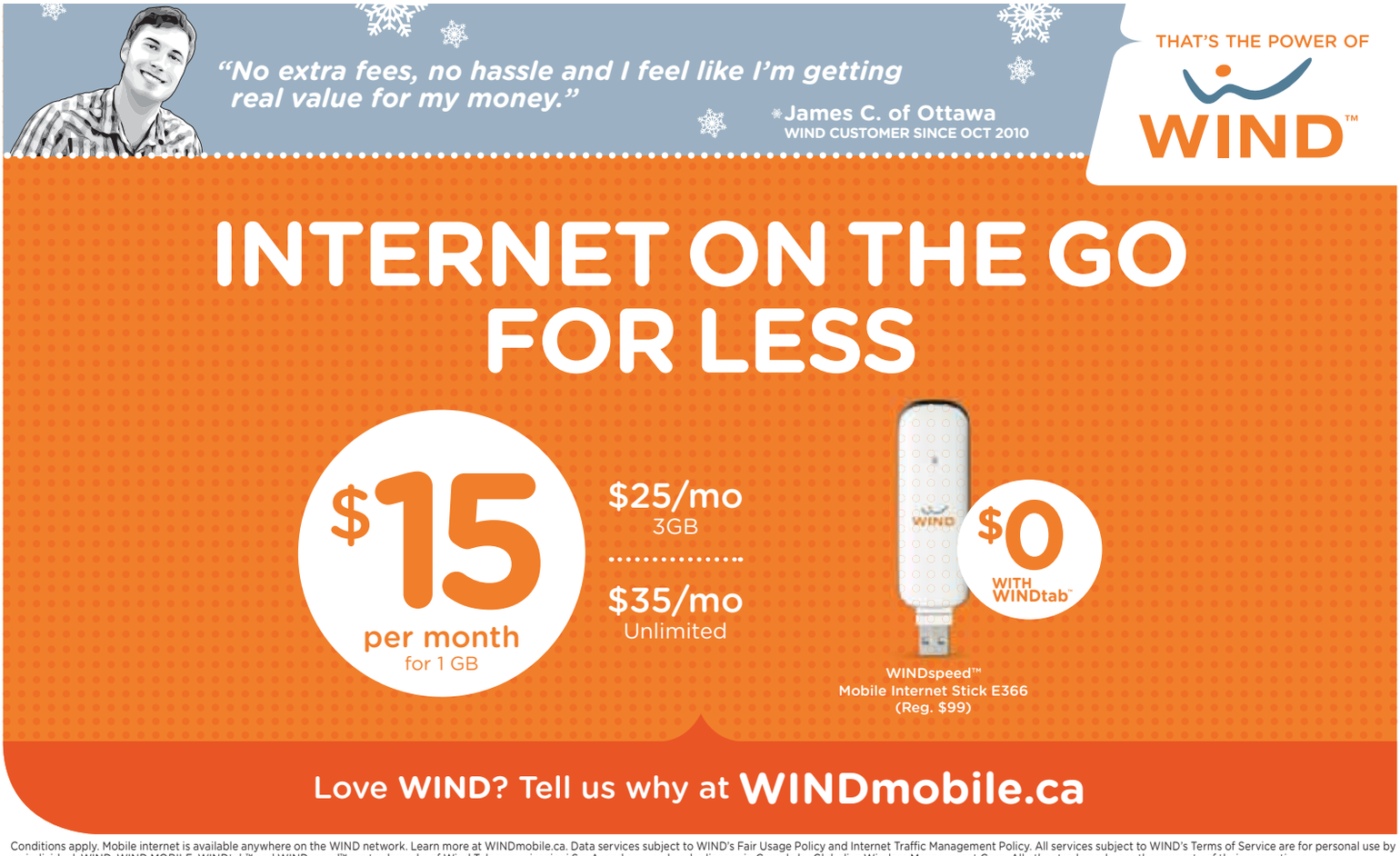
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Curiosity drives voyage to Mars

On Friday, NASA launches a pioneering rover into space ◗ High-tech lab will gather data on red planet

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This mission really is going to Mars. On Friday, NASA is sending an entire laboratory to the red planet. The lab, named Curiosity, will investigate rocks and soil and take pictures. It will also look for water and signs of life.

"Curiosity is like a robotic geologist," says Jordan Evans, deputy manager of the mission. "It's a lab that also brings its own tools. It has a scoop, a drill and a sieve so it can collect samples. Then it feeds the samples into the lab, which analyzes them."

Curiosity also has cameras that will record everything and a weather station that will measure everything from humidity to air pressure.

NASA has sent rovers to Mars before, but Curiosity is the first to carry a lab. "It will document what Mars was like early on, which it will do by examining the layers of rock on a mountain," says Dr. Joy Crisp, deputy project scientist for NASA's Mars Science Laboratory project. "And it will examine what it's like today. We'll gain more knowledge about the conditions for future human habitation on Mars. For that reason, Curiosity is bringing a radiation monitor so we can make sure humans aren't harmed when they go to Mars."

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"We'll gain more knowledge about the conditions for future human habitation on Mars."
NASA SCIENTIST JOY CRISP

At NASA's Jet Propulsion Center in California, scientists will be monitoring Curiosity during its stay on the red planet. "It can communicate with Earth through satellites," Evans says. "Each day the NASA team will look at the results and decide what Curiosity should do the next day." If something goes wrong, the rover can reboot and even use alternative tools if one set fails.

After one Mars year — 98 weeks — Curiosity will permanently park itself on the planet. "Of course its immediate purpose is scientific discovery," Crisp says.

"But by sending beautiful images from Mars we can encourage people to go into science. That's a very important purpose, too, because science and technology are crucial to our future prosperity."

How they built it

Since it carries a large lab, Curiosity is much bigger than previous Mars rovers.

"Because of its size, it requires a larger rocket," says deputy mission manager Jordan Evans. "But it couldn't be too big, since we had to fly it to Florida in an airplane. In the end, we had five centimetres to spare in the plane."

Evans' team also had to invent larger landing pads. And since Curiosity will be alone in space, everything has been simulated in advance. "To measure the impact of the landing, we simulated it by hanging Curiosity from a crane," Evans says.

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▶ Martians, this set of wheels is coming your way. Below: an artist's rendering of Curiosity on Mars. Left: what the landing will look like.

60 seconds

▶ Chris Welch

'LIFE IN SPACE IS A SERIOUS QUESTION'

Dr. Chris Welch is programs director of the International Space University.

What's the real purpose of the Mars science lab?

The science lab won't specifically look for life on Mars but will be exploring a part of the planet where there was water in the past. Its investigations will help us understand whether there has ever been life on Mars. These findings will influence future Mars missions.

The space shuttle has just been retired. Does this Mars mission present a new direction for space travel?

No. There have been Mars missions for many years, but initially they were very small. The first rovers were no bigger than a fridge, while Curiosity is a large laboratory.

Are scientists really interested in exploring life in space, or are they doing it because the public is curious?

The question whether there is life somewhere else is a fundamental one in the space community. Mars is the most likely planet to host life, so that's why Mars missions are so important.

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▶ NASA testing the lab.

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▶ Bachelor Jake Pavelka presents a ring to Vienna Giraldi on The Bachelor. Research suggests the show's catty behaviour is close to the truth.

Yes, women ARE catty, study shows

Trait not just a mainstay of TV's hit reality show

A University of Ottawa professor says the catty behaviour seen on the popular reality television show The Bachelor is pretty close to … well, reality.

Most women use aggression against sexual rivals, Tracy Vaillancourt confirms.

Vaillancourt's research — published in the journal Aggressive Behavior — took a look at how females compete with one another for the attention of eligible males.

Her study suggests The Bachelor provides insight into the tactics women use to compete.

And it shows how vying for the affections of an eligible man can bring out the worst in women.

Such tactics can include gossiping about a rival's level of promiscuity or disparaging her appearance, so as to reduce her "mate value."

Vaillancourt's study suggests this type of behaviour is not only a television phenomenon — it's also a mainstream reality in schools and in workplaces.

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What the catty camera saw

Researchers secretly videotaped women to capture levels of cattiness.

Results showed that almost all women were aggressive toward an attractive, sexy female.

When she left the room, they laughed, ridiculed her appearance or suggested she was sexually available.

But when the same woman was dressed conservatively, the group barely noticed her.

Another experiment showed a sexy colleague was seen as a sexual rival.

Results showed the women did not want to introduce her to their boyfriends.

News in brief

Buttocks case pumped up

MIAMI. Several possible victims have come forward alleging a woman posing as a doctor and promising buttocks enhancement pumped their behinds with a toxic concoction of cement, superglue and flat-tire sealant, officials said yesterday.

Oneal Ron Morris — who police say was born a man but now identifies as a woman — has been charged with practising medicine without a licence.

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Who's stealing sex toys?

SAINT-PAUL, N.B. Police say more people are reporting thefts of underwear and sex toys. In one case, lingerie was taken from a clothesline.

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Bush joins cancer battle

DALLAS. Former U.S. President George W. Bush will travel to Africa next month to raise awareness about cervical and breast cancer.

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▶ In this Nov. 21 photo, residents harvest crops at a community-run farm near Dolo in Somalia. The farm receives assistance by the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization.

Slow recovery in Somalia

UN reduced number of famine zones from six to three ◗ Number of people at risk of starvation has dropped to 250,000 — from 750,000

Lush patches of green dot this once-barren land, allowing goats and camels to graze. A nearby field is full of large, purple onions thanks to a UN-funded project.

Four months after the U.N. declared famine in much of Somalia, some regions are beginning a slow recovery from a disaster that has killed tens of thousands of people.

But many Somalis — women, mostly — living in a stick-hut camp in this border town say they won't return home because they're afraid of hard-line Islamist militants stalking the country, and of being unable to feed themselves and their children.

"We are very far away from the end of the famine."
LUCA ALINOVI, THE HEAD OF THE SOMALIA OFFICE OF THE UN'S FOOD AND AGRICULTURAL ORGANIZATION

Since the July 20 famine declaration, the UN has received $800 million in aid for Somalia, and the U.S. has provided $650 million to drought-stricken Horn of Africa nations, including Somalia. Still, the fate of 13 million people affected by East Africa's worst drought in decades remains in doubt. Officials say aid deliveries must continue or recovering regions will plunge back into famine.

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Egypt protesters reject military offer

Egypt's military ruler yesterday promised to speed up a presidential election to the first half of 2012 and said the armed forces were prepared to hold a referendum on immediately shifting power to civilians — concessions swiftly rejected by tens of thousands of protesters in Tahrir Square, who chanted, "Leave! Leave!"

The latest standoff plunged the country deeper into crisis less than a week before parliamentary elections, the first since the ouster nine months ago of longtime authoritarian leader Hosni Mubarak.

In a televised address to the nation, Field Marshal Hussein Tantawi rejected all criticism of the military's handling of the transitional period and sought to cast himself and the generals on the military council he heads as the nation's foremost patriots. Significantly, he made no mention of the throngs of protesters gathered in Tahrir Square to demand that he step down immediately in favour of an interim civilian council.

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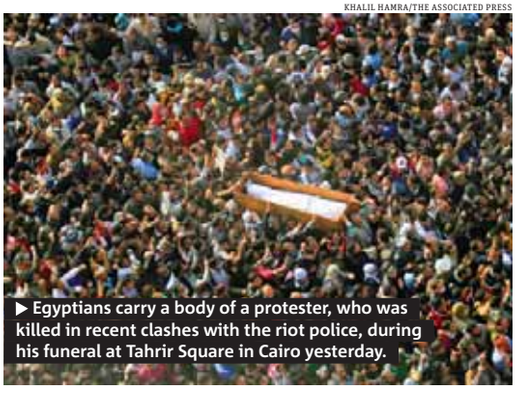

▶ Egyptians carry a body of a protester, who was killed in recent clashes with the riot police, during his funeral at Tahrir Square in Cairo yesterday.

Tantawi spoke as protesters fought army soldiers and police for a fourth day in streets leading to the iconic square that was the birthplace of Egypt's uprising, particularly near the heavily fortified Interior Ministry. Nearly 30 people have been killed in the violence, mostly in Cairo, and at least 2,000 have been wounded.

"Our demands are clear," said Khaled El-Sayed, a protester from the Youth Revolution Coalition and a candidate in the Nov. 28 parliamentary election. "We want the military council to step down and hand over authority to a national salvation government with full authority."

The military previously floated the end of next year or early 2013 as the likely dates for the presidential election. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Supermodel adviser blames tabloid hacking for sacking

- Inquiry set up by British PM following News of the World scandal
- Victims' lawyers accuse Daily Mail of trying to intimidate witnesses

Elle Macpherson fired her business adviser for leaking secrets when journalists were actually getting juicy details about the supermodel by hacking into her phone, the former aide told a British inquiry into media ethics yesterday.

In testimony, Mary-Ellen Field described how she lost both her job for Macpherson and one at an advisory firm because of the unfounded suspicions — a double-blow that was all the more serious because she was in poor health. She didn't identify her illness.

Field was one of several victims of press intrusion testifying yesterday at Britain's Royal Courts of Justice. The inquiry was set up after the scandal over phone hacking and other tactics used at the News of the World, which was closed by media mogul Rupert Murdoch in July. The inquiry plans to issue a report next year and could recommend major changes to the way the media in Britain are regulated.

Field said her relationship with Macpherson was once close, but it fell apart after the model's intimate secrets began appearing in the press in 2005. Macpherson became convinced that Field was an alcoholic and ordered her to go to a U.S. rehabilitation clinic.

Field said she was shocked by the allegations, but went along with Macpherson's recommendation. "I have a severely disabled child who can never look after himself, so walking away from a high-paying position is not a good idea," Field said.

Even though staff at the clinic said Field was not an alcoholic, Macpherson fired her anyway, and Field lost her job at her firm shortly afterward. Although it has since emerged that the media leaks were the result of phone hacking, Field said she has not heard from Macpherson in years.

Soccer player Garry Flitcroft also told the court of his family's harassment by the media after the failure of a judicial bid to block news of his extramarital affair. And British comedian Steve Coogan claimed that he was warned in 2002 that Andy Coulson — then deputy editor of News of the World — would be listening in on a conversation Coogan had with a woman in a bid to trick him into making indiscreet comments. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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▶ Mary-Ellen Field, former business adviser to supermodel Elle Macpherson, leaves after she gave evidence to the Leveson Inquiry at The Royal Courts of Justice in London yesterday.

Facebook and HTC get closer

Facebook and HTC are working a smartphone with smoother social media integration. The website All Things D says the phone should be available in the next 12 to 18 months.
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Change your password, often

Online security experts say there are a number of tactics to thwart hackers when it comes to passwords, including changing them regularly and using a hard-to-guess combination of letters, numbers, punctuation and symbols.

But perhaps the best piece of advice is not to use the word password as your password.

The California-based software company SplashData analyzed millions of stolen passwords that had been obtained by hackers and found some dangerously simple choices came up again and again.

Users who have trouble remembering all their online passwords can buy software to securely log them into websites. SplashData's version is SplashID, while the Canadian company AgileBits makes 1Password.
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Risky log-ins

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- abc123
- monkey
- letmein
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WATCH YOURSELF, NOW EVERYONE ELSE CAN TOO

JUST SAYIN' ...

PAUL SULLIVAN
METRO

There was a time that if you wanted to stand naked on your patio, only the guy with the binoculars across the street would catch you in the act.

These days, thanks to Google Street View, everyone gets to look.

Just ask the woman in Miami who today finds that her naked foray onto her back stoop, captured by a passing Google Street View camera, yields more than two million results on the search engine of the same name.

Google Street View is supposed to be a helpful way for you to see your destination as it really looks, as opposed to a pointy B pin on a map. It is not supposed to offer a panorama of human folly, such as the casually careless naked lady, or the equally naked guy in Germany climbing out of the trunk of his car, or the guy walking his snake down the street, or various Brits mooning the passing camera, or the two Norwegian scuba divers running down the street on flippers, complete with tridents. (Why *did* the scuba divers cross the road?)

As the Street View cameras capture every square millimetre of the planet and resolution improves, it's only going to get worse. Or better, if you like to watch.

"It's not just that Big Brother is watching ... It's also that little sister and Cousin Bert and Uncle Ernie and all Rabbit's friends and relations are watching as well"

Google is self-correcting, and as soon as it learned about its naked-lady problem, it turned her into a pixelated blur, but only after the photos of the poor women spread across the Internet like the bird flu.

What do we expect when we combine the Internet with the latest surveillance technology? Google Street View has the potential to turn us all into everyday fugitives from scrutiny, trapped in a high-res corner with nowhere to hide.

It's not just that Big Brother is watching, although you know he is. It's also that little sister and Cousin Bert and Uncle Ernie and all Rabbit's friends and relations are watching as well.

Of course, not everyone sees that as a bad thing, such as the guy who found Google Street View to be an ideal way to expose himself to anyone who happened upon his sad, little — with an emphasis on little — sector of the galaxy.

For the rest of us, it's bad enough we have to wear clean underwear every day in case we get hit by a bus and have to be undressed by medical personnel. Now we also have to make sure, no matter where we are, to remember to wear clothes and, while we're at it, keep the nose mining to a minimum.

And smile, dammit.

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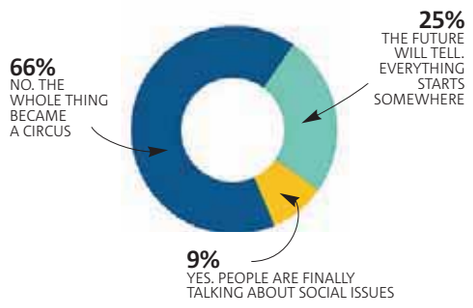
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9%
YES. PEOPLE ARE FINALLY TALKING ABOUT SOCIAL ISSUES

Local tweets

- **@lainiegal:** I just found out my 5 yo nephew was on that school bus that crashed yesterday in #YYC. Not impressed. #ohmercy
- **@SusanneFox:** Hey Calgary tweeps — any suggestions on where I can donate some used toys in #yyc.
- **@srperry:** Restored CPS funding will pay for the next 150 calls at the Killarney crack house. #yyccc #yyc
- **@AndreaMPedersen:** #yyc you know how I love you, but please this chinook needs to stop before my head expodes. #UnderPressure
- **@DallasFlexhaug:** I wish I could have watched myself try and unload groceries in this #yyc wind. I think my neighbour got a free jar of Prego.
- **@DrewPAnderson:** Thank God #yyccc has forked out more money for more police officers to keep me safe from reduced crime.
- **@hmcrae:** Have come to SHAW to resolve a billing issue. Hoping I am not waiting in line for as long as I sat on hold yesterday. #yyc

Worth Mentioning

DRIVING HIV TESTS HOME. At one office of the Department of Motor Vehicles in Washington, D.C., motorists can get a driver's licence, temporary road-tax stickers and something wholly unrelated to the road: A free HIV test.

In a city with one of the highest percentages of residents living with HIV or AIDS, health officials have now test-driven the in-DMV testing and are finding that it works. So far, more than 5,000 people have been screened and received results while they wait.

"You have to meet people where they are," explained Sheila Brockington, who oversees HIV testing at the DMV office.

Initially, some officials doubted many people would test. Now, however, between 25 and 35 people get tested every day at the DMV location. Anyone who agrees gets $7 off their bill.

By now, the people who run the program have their pitch down. When people are in line, one of the testers approaches with the offer: Free tests, money off your bill and the promise that it won't hurt.

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photo of the day

▶ This photo, titled Quebec, was submitted to the Photo of the Day category by OliaShu from Ontario.

The submission period for the Metro Global Photo Challenge — which ran in 100 cities on four continents — is now over and Metro needs your help choosing a winner. Visit metrophotochallenge.com to vote for your favourite photos. Metro will feature the winning entries once they have been chosen.

WEIRD NEWS

Art in the pigsty of the beholder

Live graffiti painting. A colossal rose bed soaring 20 feet high. Early photos of Andy Warhol, a Picasso up for auction and a naked woman living in a pigpen. They're all part of the lineup for Art Basel Miami Beach, which runs Dec. 1-4, with a host of related events beginning Nov. 30.

The pigpen installation will undoubtedly be the most jaw-dropping event at the art fair. Known for photographing herself nude in subway tunnels or in front of graffiti walls, performance artist Miru Kim will be living with pigs for her performance The Pig That Therefore I Am.

"The immediate connection between pigs and me will be felt through seeing the living bodies mingle through skin," Kim told The Associated Press. A glass barrier will act as "an insatiable gap between the spectacle and the onlooker, just like in a zoo."

The pigpen installation will be among the shows at the Primary Flight open air museum. "Some people are really going to love it. Some are going to be shocked. And a handful won't really get it," said Primary Flight founder Books Bischof.

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The orphan adoption

Martin Scorsese is the latest director to make a movie about a child with no parents
Richard Crouse takes a look at Hugo and why orphans tug on our heartstrings

IN FOCUS

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The new Martin Scorsese film is the director's first PG rated film in 18 years. Hugo is a handsome 3D kid's flick featuring adventure, a broken robot, a toy store owner and one of the mainstays of central casting — an orphan.

There are all kinds of on-screen orphans, some lovable — The Jungle Book's Mowgli, Harry Potter —some not — Hannibal Lecter, Darth Vader — but few have been as memorable as Oliver Twist.

CONTRIBUTED

▶ Asa Butterfield, left, plays Hugo Cabret and Chloë Grace Moretz plays Isabelle in Hugo.

The youngster first captured people's imaginations 173 years ago as the title character in Charles Dickens's second book and debuted on film in 1908.

Since then there have been at least eleven adaptations of the story of an urchin who famously asked his cruel workhouse foreman for more gruel with the words, "Please sir, I want some more."

The most famous version of the story has to be Oliver!, a splashy 1968 all-singing all-dancing edition, which film critic Pauline Kael said was one of the few film adaptations of a stage musical superior to the original stage show.

Oliver had it rough. Much rougher than Little Orphan Annie, the perky red-haired waif adopted by the über-wealthy Daddy Warbucks, but for the actress who played her in the 1982 movie Annie there were some unpleasant moments.

The curly red wig Aileen Quinn wore was so itchy that a specially designed comb had to be created to give her some relief, and in order to get Annie's dog Sandy to realistically kiss her the prop master rubbed Alpo all over her face.

Still, Quinn says, "I just remember having the best time."

Unlike our next orphans, Oliver and Annie were decidedly earthbound ragamuffins, but the movies have seen lots of alien children abandoned on our planet.

In Escape to Witch Mountain, Tony and Tia Malone's psychic abilities made them standouts at the orphanage and the moniker Clark Kent was the name his human adoptive parent's gave to Kal-El. You know him best as Superman.

Superman wasn't the only superhero orphan, however.

The death of Bruce Wayne's parents at the hand of the Joker prompted him to become the Caped Crusader. "You made me," he grumbles to the parent's killer in Batman.

Finally, Peter Parker's parents were Richard and Mary, CIA agents killed in the line of duty.

Rumour has it they will appear in the 2012 reboot, The Amazing Spider-Man, played by Campbell Scott and Embeth Davidtz.

Twilight breaks box office record

The Twilight vampires broke U.K. box office records over the weekend. The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 1 grossed $21.8 million on its three-day weekend, according to U.K. and Irish distributor Entertainment One.

That made it the biggest-ever opening for an American film in the U.K., fifth behind the British Harry Potter and James Bond series.

The fourth film in the Twilight series also had the best-ever U.K. 2D opening day Friday, surpassing Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 1 by grossing $9.9 million to Potter's $9.2 million.

Breaking Dawn Part 1 now has the biggest opening for a film in the U.K. in 2011.

Directed by Bill Condon, its stars Robert Pattinson, Taylor Lautner and Kristen Stewart.

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▶ Kristen Stewart, right, and Robert Pattinson in a scene from The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn - Part 1.

2 scene

Scene in brief

Leonard Cohen will usher in the new year with a CD of Old Ideas. The 77-year-old Montreal songwriter will release his first album in more than seven years on Jan. 31. Old Ideas will consist of 10 tracks that "poetically address some of the most profound quandaries of human existence," according to a release from Cohen's label. Some of the new tunes have been around for a while — early versions of tracks Amen and Lullaby were originally recorded in 2007, while Cohen performed new tune The Darkness during his recent world tour. Another new track, Show Me The Place, is now streaming on Cohen's website, where fans can pre-order the upcoming disc.

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Britain wins five International Emmys; Eccleston, Walters take acting honours.

Movie reviews

See it twice | See it now | Worth watching | Yawn | Don't bother

Hugo

Genre: Adventure/Drama
Director: Martin Scorsese
Stars: Asa Butterfield, Chloë Grace Moretz and Christopher Lee

Set in 1930s Paris, the new Martin Scorsese film is a sophisticated kid's movie about an orphan obsessed with repairing an automaton left behind by his father.

His fixation leads him to forgotten film pioneer Georges Méliès and a new life.

Hugo is the Scorsese's homage not only to the filmmakers who shaped his youth but to the art form itself.

There is a sense of wonder imprinted on every frame. Add to that star Asa Butterfield's face, reminiscent of the moon faced children of early cinema, the dulcet tones of Christopher Lee, 3D that enhances not overwhelms, and you have a movie about the magic of film with plenty of its own magic.

RICHARD CROUSE

The Muppets

Genre: Comedy/Musical
Director: James Bobin
Stars: Amy Adams, Jason Segel and Chris Cooper

There may have been better films released in 2011, but this critic is hard pressed to think of a better movie than The Muppets, writer/star Jason Segel and director James Bobbin's revamp of the beloved '70s TV series as well as the expanded big screen franchise that followed.

It's perfect entertainment, ferociously funny and far out. Segel is perfect as Gary, who lives a candy-coated life with his muppet obsessed, felt and faux fur covered brother Walter, and his sunny, long suffering girlfriend Mary (Amy Adams).

When the trio head to Hollywood to make Walter's dreams of meeting Kermit and company come true, they become embroiled in a scheme to save the muppet theatre from a scowling, rapping oil baron (Chris Cooper).

Filled to the gills with chirpy, catchy pop songs and subversive gags, The Muppets works as both a nostalgia piece for parents and a wild romp for kids.

But the true beauty of the film is that, at its core The Muppets is really a sentimental love letter to the sort of old fashioned, sweet natured, suspension of disbelief movie magic that the digital era has tried so hard to choke.

Somewhere, someplace Jim Henson is smiling…

CHRIS ALEXANDER

Arthur Christmas

Genre: Comedy/Drama
Director: Sarah Smith
Stars: James McAvoy, Hugh Laurie

Arthur Christmas not only answers the mystery of how Santa Claus delivers billions of presents in one night but it shows how the now high-tech computer-operated system is flawed. When one girl doesn't get her gift, Santa's inept son (McAvoy) sets off to ensure Christmas isn't ruined. For all its familiar themes, Arthur delivers enough clever laughs and eye-popping scenery to entertain kiddies hungry for holiday fare.

STEVE GOW

Movie. Screen times.

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Arthur Christmas 3D (G) Stadium Seating, SR Dolby Digital Wed-Thu 3:25-6:30-9:20

Hugo (STC) Stadium Seating, SR Dolby Digital Wed-Thu 12:05-2:50-6:15-9:05

Hugo 3D (STC) Stadium Seating, SR Dolby Digital Wed-Thu 12:20-3:15-6:55-9:35

The Muppets (G) Stadium Seating, SR Dolby Digital Wed-Thu 1:15-3:45-6:45-9:10

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Arthur Christmas 3D (G) Digital Presentation, SR Dolby Digital, Stadium Seating Wed-Thu 3:50-6:20-9:15

Hugo 3D (STC) Digital Presentation, SR Dolby Digital, Stadium Seating Wed-Thu 12:45-3:45-6:40-9:45

The Muppets (G) Digital Presentation, SR Dolby Digital, Stadium Seating Wed-Thu 12:15-3:15-6:50-9:30

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Why can't we all just Get Along?

Documentary depicts maturing professional pair who have learned to manage their inevitable sisterly spats

Any Tegan and Sara fan who explores the three documentaries bundled into their new release Get Along with the hopes of seeing the twin sisters snipe and scrape like a couple of pocket-sized Gallaghers will be sorely disappointed.

In fact, the only time the Calgary-reared indie-pop pair asked that producers excise a scene from the two-plus hours of film footage, they did so because the clip in question depicted an ugly sibling spat.

"There was a seven-minute scene of Sara and I arguing very passive aggressively," Tegan Quin said as the personable pair sat down for an interview this week in Toronto. She remembers her cringing response as she watched the footage with the filmmakers in an editing suite.

Especially since that kind of bickering isn't exactly typical.

"We're not getting drunk and beating the crap out of each other, contrary to probably some of the fantasies ... There's definitely tension between us, but I think we have grown up to the point where it's not necessary for everyone to see that."

And yet, the 31-year-old Quins wearily acknowledge that many observers — from media to the duo's notoriously dedicated fans — have seemed to want to unearth an undercurrent of sisterly strife since Tegan and Sara self-released their debut in 1999.

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Tegan, left, and Sara Quin

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Double up on Some Girls

Rolling Stones re-release their iconic album All the tracks they wanted in last time now make the final list

Keith Richards equates the rush to release the Rolling Stones' seminal album Some Girls as "the same as cutting off your baby's head."

"We couldn't release a double album and we were on deadline," the guitarist said of the 1978 recording. "Sometimes you're really getting into tracks you want to finish, but they don't make (it) because time was up."

Now many of those songs will be included as the album was re-released yesterday as a double disc with previously unreleased material. A box set from the album also is being released. Mick Jagger said Some Girls was a pivotal album for the band.

"The records that came before this were not as good. This was better," Jagger said, referencing the heavily produced Goats Head Soup, and It's Only Rock and Roll, which preceded it.

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▶ Mick Jagger, left, Keith Richards of The Rolling Stones attends a special screening of their new documentary Stones In Exile.

At the time, punk rock and disco were threatening the old "dinosaur rockers," as Richards said, so the band had to get back to its basic stripped-down sound.

"The punks started to kick us ... the Sex Pistols, and The Clash, and other bands were coming out and we realized we were already in a second generation," Richards said.

One of the album's biggest hits, and also the most criticized at the time, was the dance track Miss You.

"It's not like we wanted to make a career out of disco; it just happened to be that beat, and Mick came up with this beautiful idea. If you're ever gonna do disco, you got to do it now. It was like a one-off," Richards said.

Jagger, who says he loves all forms of dance music from the 1930s to house music, didn't know why it mattered.

"I never thought for one minute that people would criticize you for doing something with a dance beat," Jagger said. "So the idea of it being 'Bob Dylan going electric' never occurred to me."

The song went to No. 1 on the Billboard chart, and spawned a variety of dance mixes. Next year, the band will celebrate its 50th anniversary, and there's a great deal of speculation as to whether the band will tour for their milestone.

"I'm hoping to do something about it. Right now, I don't want to go too much into it. I'm pulling the boys together and (will) see what happens. It's a work in progress. I'm not Nostradamus on this, but we all want to do something for the big 5-0," Richards said.

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Old friends

According to Richards, he and Jagger recently mended fences.

▶ **Quote:** "We patched it up now. The thing is we enjoy working with each other; it's the idea of it that's frightening."

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Deer Tick calls their new album Divine Providence, which at first seems like a sweet homage to the group's beginnings in Rhode Island's capital city. But as with most things related to this band, the truth is uglier, ruder and much more rock 'n' roll.

"It actually came from a black metal song that we wrote," says singer John McCauley. "It had extremely anti-Christian lyrics, so we thought it'd be funny if we named that song Divine Providence."

They eventually scrapped the song, as it didn't fit the mood of their new album — which is mostly a rollicking good time, catering to classic rock fist-pumps as much as country rock swaying. Filled with titles like Let's All Go to the Bar, and lyrics like, "Johnny's got a bottle of wine, no one is gonna make it to work on time," they recall 1980s rock outcasts The Replacements.

"Oh yeah, we're big Replacements fans," says McCauley.

And like The Mats, there is a degree of longing and loneliness beneath the surface of the party proceedings too.

But Deer Tick is no throwback act. They are writing very much for these times.

The song Main Street, which they recently performed on Letterman, seems perfect for the age of 24-7 social networking, as McCauley asserts in a desperate rasp: "Miss one day and the whole world casts you out."

Divine Providence also has a sonic density that betrays its festive atmosphere. So in the studio, are Deer Tick focused or a mess?

"I'd say it's a little bit of both," says McCauley. "Or maybe one person would be really drunk and nobody else would. It all depended on what time of day you got to the studio."

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▶ Deer Tick performs at the Coachella Valley Music & Arts Festival 2010 held at the Empire Polo Club in California.

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▶ Anthony Gonzalez of M83

Getting lost on those interwebs

Conceptual double album? Musicians hardly get past an EP to make a single album these days, let alone a double (conceptual or otherwise) one. But M83's fall-released Hurry Up, We're Dreaming spreads Anthony Gonzalez's savvy dance pop over two discs, creating an epic landmark in the French artist's decade-long career.

"I'm lost, I don't know what to listen to these days. The Internet is going too fast for me," Gonzalez (a.k.a. M83) tells Metro. "People might get excited about a record, but 20 minutes later they are excited about another," he says, sounding like a child of the 1960s rather than the 1980s.

But the main motivation for the epic record, though, is that he felt the passage of time and childhood lost.

"The nostalgia of being a kid and now you're a grown up and everything is over, but knowing that you can connect to your past through memories is the beauty of this album."

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Brave Black Friday with this proven playlist

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Holiday carols through the speakers at the mall? Bah humbug! On Friday, make your own soundtrack and rock out with this playlist.

Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer — Culture

There's nothing wrong with getting into the spirit of the season, but do it on your own terms.

Sometimes, your own terms might mean this chill reggae version of a classic, so you don't feel like it's something you've already heard a million times.

Oh No — Girl Talk

This mashup has the colossal layering of personalities that the shopping experience offers. Plus it combines Black Sabbath power chords with Ludacris, saying "Move b—, get out the way."

Black Friday

Hot off the presses

Metro Be sure to pick up tomorrow's edition of Metro for your primer to Black Friday

Pretty Boy Swag — Soulja Boy Tell'em

Speaking of "get out the way," you might want to make this one your anthem too, and say "pretty boy comin' through."

Bittersweet Symphony — The Verve

Ever see the video for this one? Singer Richard Ashcroft is just walking through the crowded street, banging into everybody else, totally oblivious that they're there because his song is so pretty. This tune will make you be that guy as you steamroll through the mall.

Albatross — Fleetwood Mac

You'll definitely need a few zen moments with your headphones as you brave the shopping. This wordless tune by an early incarnation of Fleetwood Mac is a great start. If this instrumental gives you that crucial inner peace, also try R.E.M.'s New Orleans Instrumental, and Yo La Tengo's Return to Hot Chicken.

THE ROOTS AIR THEIR FEELINGS

THE WORD

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On Monday night's Late Night With Jimmy Fallon the band picked some inflammatory music for featured guest (and Republican presidential candidate) Michele Bachmann to walk into.

The song they picked? Lyin' Ass Bitch by Fishbone.

And it wasn't a slip-up. Questlove even told fans and followers to pay attention via Twitter: "aight late night walkon song devotees: you love it when we snark: this next one takes the cake. Ask around cause I aint tweeting the title," he wrote.

Then he even took it a step further by tweeting a link to the album and making fans guess which song they picked.

As Spin points out, The Roots often use songs to express their feelings. Two notable examples are playing Milli Vanilli when notorious lip-syncer Ashlee Simpson came on the show and introducing Heidi Montag and Spencer Pratt with Beck's Loser.

Both of those were tongue and cheek — and directed to fixtures of popular culture. This is a presidential candidate, congresswoman, and a foster parent to more than 23 children.

No matter what you think of Bachmann's political views, it's offensive that a house band would sneakily suggest a woman is a "b-tch" on national television.

If Fishbone only had come up with a ska song entitled: You Have Different Political Views Than Me — Many of Which I Find Utterly Misguided and Wrongheaded — But We Live in a Country Where We Are Allowed to Have Different Beliefs and So We Will Just Agree to Disagree. Also, It is Not Polite to Call a Woman a 'Bitch'…. Fallon and The Roots would not find themselves in this pickle. And it will be a pickle.

A huge, massive pickle.

TODAY'S THE WORD IS WRITTEN BY MONICA WEYMOUTH

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▶ Bachmann on Late Night with Jimmy Fallon.

Katy breaking for some baby-making time?

Speculation builds that Katy and Russell Brand are on baby track

Singer denies growing gossip

Katy Perry's recent decision to take some time off after her current tour to "work on family" naturally led some to speculate that the singer and comedian husband Russell Brand are already expecting, but Perry insists that's not the case.

"Hell no," Perry tells Hollyscoop when asked whether she is indeed pregnant.

But that doesn't mean she's opposed to the idea.

The pop star recently told Ellen DeGeneres she eventually wants a family.

"I want to have kids. I'm totally fine with saying that," she said. "I would love to have children. I think that's one of the reasons you get married."

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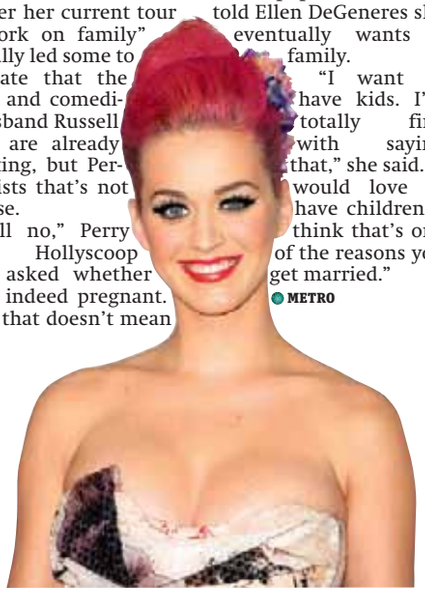

Demi, Ashton split overdue: Source

▶ Moore

Demi Moore's decision to file for divorce from Ashton Kutcher was reportedly a long time coming, as the marriage was "deteriorating for a long time," sources tell People magazine.

"Ashton was ready to end it," a source says, explaining they wrestled with their age difference, Moore's insecurities and Kutcher's wandering eye.

"He wanted to wait for Demi to actually do it. He loved her but couldn't live with her." Moore, for her part, "really wanted to save the marriage but couldn't deal with the pain of his cheating. They were fed up with each other."

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Celebrity tweets

@madlyv

Released frm Jury Duty. Wonderful seeing so many willing to serve.

@LisaLampanelli

New Stilton cheese sells for $430 a pound. If I wanna spend a lot of money on cheese I'll buy the 1st three seasons of 'Glee' on Blu-Ray!

@SteveMartinToGo

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Clooney's girlfriend gives scoop on Twitter

▶ Clooney

Stacy Keibler can't stop gushing about her Hollywood boyfriend, George Clooney, saying they are "in love" via Twitter.

"You know it's love when your boyfriend has elbow surgery two days ago and takes you to a Ravens game," Keibler posted on the popular social networking site.

"Especially when he's a Bengals fan."

Clooney and Keibler were spotted at the game recently, with Clooney's arm in an elaborate sling. Keibler is known best as a former Ravens cheerleader.

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Bieber takes paternity test

Canadian pop star Justin Bieber found time to stop at a New Jersey lab for a paternity test, reports TMZ.

Now 20-year-old Mariah Yeater — who claims Bieber is the father of her 4-month-old son — has to provide DNA from the child for the case to move forward.

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Great winter escapes

With winter comes thoughts of escape Here, six ideas from guidebook publisher Frommer's

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Top beach destination? Hawaii

Roatan, Honduras

"A casual and refreshingly unpolished slice of the tropics," says Frommer's. The Caribbean island is a major destination for diving and snorkelling.

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Snorkelling in Roatan

Santiago, Chile

An exciting city with a stunning location at the foot of the Andes Mountains. There are chic restaurants and stylish hotels and new museums.

Kauai, Hawaii

On the island's north shore, three-kilometre-long Hanalei Bay is Frommer's choice for top beach destination for 2012. Volcanic cliffs and 300-metre waterfalls form the backdrop.

SAGUAYO/FLICKR

Yucatan Peninsula

The safest region in Mexico, according to Frommer's. Go for the beaches, the food, the fiestas and the exotic wildlife. There are also Mayan sites to explore.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

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New York City

At Grand Central Terminal a free light show plays on the walls of the main concourse every half-hour through December. Other things to see: Rockefeller Center's Christmas tree with 30,000 lights; elaborate holiday window displays; and "the world's largest menorah," at 10 metres high, in front of the Plaza Hotel.

Grand Central Terminal, New York

Rhine River

A holiday-season cruise on the Rhine River: An eight-day tour between Basel, Switzerland, and Cologne, Germany, includes both famous and lesser-known Christmas markets.

BRIANBURK9/FLICKR

Enjoy bucolic views on a Rhine River cruise

3 life

Travel in brief

You are laid over in a city somewhere with 24 hours to kill. Do you burrow into your hotel suite until time to head back to the airport?
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Hot parties down south

The Caribbean Islands are known for their love of music and dance, and hold annual festivals to celebrate Everything from the sugar cane crop, reggae, Lent and Christmas is used as an excuse for the never-ending parades, parties and glittering costumes Add some spice to your life with these dates for your diary

1 Spice Mas Grenada

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Where: St George
Grenada expresses its colourful mix of African, French, British and Caribbean heritage at this festival. Originally used as an opportunity to protest about exploitation and injustice in the form of songs and calypsos (satirical songs), this fun is spread out over weeks during which people enjoy steel pan orchestras, reggae bands, beauty pageants, parades and "fancy mas" bands. A festival highlight is the J'Ouvert night, where devilish jab jab revelers cover themselves in molasses, tar and creosote and wear horned helmets.
When: June 2 to Aug.14, 2012
spicemasgrenada.com

2 Trinidad Carnival Trinidad and Tobago

Where: Port of Spain, Trinidad
This carnival evolved from the French Mardi Gras (fat Tuesday) and involves a succession of extravagant festivities beginning around Christmas and ending on Ash Wednesday. Some say the carnival began as locals mimicked the elegant balls of colonial settlers and rebelled from their authority by celebrating African mythology and music. Highlights include the steel-pan band Panorama competition and the Kings and Queens costume competition, whereby over the top are embellished with lights and fitted with sound effects. After two months of intense partying, Trinidadians then repent for their wicked ways with the start of Lent.
When: Feb. 21 2012
gotrinidadandtobago.com

3 Reggae Sumfest Jamaica

GETTY IMAGES

Where: Montego Bay
Thousands of reggae lovers flock into the port of Montego Bay for the annual Sumfest. Hailed as the world's best reggae festival, it's a non-stop party featuring the best talent in the industry. Every night for four days, reggae stars take to the stage at the Catherine Hall Entertainment Centre to celebrate the art of reggae music. Last year, rising star Nicki Minaj was one of the lead acts and past performances have included Damian Marley, Kanye West, Usher and Chris Brown.
When: July 15-21, 2012
reggaesumfest.com

4 Crop Over Carnival, Barbados

Where: Barbados
Historically, these celebrations marked the end of the sugar cane cutting season; now it's a euphoric celebration of Bajan culture and music, which involves drinking plenty of rum. The five-week festival launches with the ceremonial delivery of the last sugar canes of the harvest, 'crop over. Every event leads up to the grand finale, the Grand Kadooment Parade, where calypso, banja and soca bands dress in sparkling costumes. The highlight of this year's Crop Over Parade was a scantily-clad Rhianna.
When: July 7 to Aug. 6, 2012
barbadoscropover-festival.com
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5 Junkanoo Bahamas

Where: New Providence Island
Junkanoo was originally a way for slaves to celebrate the three days off they were given for Christmas. Revelers would wear grotesque masks and go dancing from house to house, sometimes exploiting their hidden identity to get "even" with those that had wronged them. After slavery was abolished, the Bahamas was the only island to keep the tradition alive. Today, the carnival is a celebration of Bahamian dance and music.
When: Dec. 26, 2011 and Jan. 1, 2012

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I recently graduated from York University with a BA (Honours) in communications studies. I participated in many internships throughout my university career, had numerous part-time jobs, and I excelled academically.

I thought that finding a job when I graduated would be incredibly easy, since I was so motivated and enthusiastic about joining the workforce. But little did I know that this would not be the case.

I was eager to find a position in the field of communications and public relations in order to see if this type of work was right for me. Checking job boards was one of my daily activities.

▶ Naomi Elmaleh kept her head high during the hunt and now she's got plenty to smile about.

I applied and kept track of every resumé and cover letter I sent in — and it totalled over 90 in the span of five months. After only hearing back from six or seven, I was discouraged, furious, and upset with myself. I just had to find another way.

I found the best way to look for work was networking. I made use of all the resources and connections I had because I realized that you never know who might know of someone who is looking for someone.

I also found it helpful to go on informational interviews, which is calling or e-mailing someone from a company you would like to work for and asking if they would be willing to meet with you briefly.

You would be surprised to see how many professionals are willing to help out recent grads.

Feel free to ask them anything about their line of work, working at that company even ask if they can take a look at your resumé.

Sometimes they will take it with them and keep it on file.

My advice to recent graduates is to never feel discouraged. Finding a job is very time-consuming, and it takes a lot of hard work and dedication. If the search seems to be never-ending, don't give up. I know it sounds a little corny, but it's true.

Tap into all the resources you can use: TalentEgg, LinkedIn, Facebook, friends, family, newspapers, networking events, and don't be afraid to put yourself out there.

Let employers see your enthusiasm, passion, hard-work ethic, and motivation.

After months on the job hunt, I was finally offered a position at a great organization.

My recommendation for employers is to be more open-minded. A lot of job postings require a number of years worth of work experience in that field. When you are a recent graduate looking for a job, this qualification seems very daunting.

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What I learned

Key take-aways from Naomi's experience.

- Don't get discouraged or give up your job search.
- Meet and connect with as many people as you can — you never know who could help you get a job.
- Find ways to show employers that you are both qualified for the job and passionate about the industry you want to work in.

Where Naomi is now

I am currently the director of communications and student programming at a supplementary school in Toronto.

I am very happy with my position and the organization I work for and I know that my time here will be very rewarding. I do hope to return to school to complete a post-graduate certificate in public relations and communications, as well as to continue my work in the non-profit sector in Toronto.

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TOP 10 WAYS TO PREPARE FOR SKI SEASON

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Winter is here and Blain Ford, spokesperson for Go Ski Alberta, has the Top 10 things you need to do to prepare for the 2011/2012 ski and snowboard season.

1 - GET YOUR SKIS/BOARD WAXED AND EDGED. Skiing and boarding is much more fun when your gear performs properly.

2 - MAKE SURE YOU'VE PUT THE WINTER TIRES ON YOUR VEHICLE, Alberta's road conditions can change in the blink of an eye.

3 - CHECK THE ROAD REPORT BEFORE YOU HEAD OUT; give yourself extra time if the forecast is calling for snow or colder temperatures.

4 - IF SKIING OR RIDING ON YOUR OWN, PUT TOGETHER A ROCKIN' PLAYLIST ON YOUR IPOD, it will make the day much more enjoyable and keep you motivated to squeeze in those 2 extra runs at the end of the day.

5 - DIG OUT YOUR WINTER GEAR AND MAKE SURE YOU'VE GOT EVERYTHING YOU NEED. Don't forget a helmet and sunscreen.

6 - IF YOU'RE JUST LEARNING, BE SURE TO BOOK AT DISCOVER SKIING LESSON. Skiing and boarding is more fun and easier to learn when you're using proper technique.

7 - IF YOU DON'T SKI ENOUGH TO BUY A SEASON'S PASS, BUY A VALUE SKI CARD. It's a great way to get lift tickets for less than retail price and gives you the opportunity to experience other hills.

8 - FAMILIARIZE YOURSELF WITH THE ALPINE RESPONSIBILITY CODE; it is important that we're using proper etiquette while sharing the mountain with others.

9 - WATCH SOME SKIING/BOARDING VIDEOS AND GET STOKED!

10 - FOLLOW GO SKI ALBERTA ON FACEBOOK AND TWITTER to enter our winter ski giveaway draws and get daily updates on your Alberta ski areas!

For more information about Alberta's ski resorts or for other tips to enjoy your season, visit goskialberta.com.

EXPECT PLENTY OF POWDER THIS YEAR

Last year's ski and snowboard season in Alberta saw record-breaking snowfalls and Go Ski Alberta says Albertans should expect the same this year.

With more than 30 ski areas in Alberta, there will be no lack of powder this year.

"Weather forecasters have once again predicted a 'La Nina' year, which in short means colder temperatures and tons of snow," says Blain Ford, spokesperson for Go Ski Alberta.

So far their predictions have been accurate as Nakiska Mount Resort was the first Alberta resort to ever open before November.

From new discount ski cards, new runs or world-class events, Alberta's ski resorts offer a number of different ways to enjoy your skiing and riding season.

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~ Candice Ward

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STAY HAPPY, ACTIVE THROUGHOUT WINTER

Staying active in the winter months is a great way to beat the cold weather blues, but sometimes it just isn't enough.

For those who may need some help finding a bit of sunshine in their lives in the long cold winter, Metamorphosis Counselling is here to help.

"We labour in darkness day in and day out, which leaves us feeling cold and can lead to feelings of loneliness and sadness," says Marina Agafonov, Registered Professional Counsellor and owner of Metamorphosis Counselling.

"Staying active is one component to dealing with depression; in addition, psychotherapy (counselling) further promotes and ensures that you stay happy and active throughout the winter."

Agafonov says people may not realize how much mental health can influence their physical well-being.

"The long winter months have a definite effect on our mood as we see less sunshine we tend to become less active," says Agafonov.

For more information or to book an appointment, go to metamorphosis-counselling.com.

~ Candice Ward

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Sweeten up with cherry fudge

For the ultimate in seasonal decadence, treat the taste buds to this deliciously rich dessert

Looking for a fun idea for the office potluck this holiday season? Try a hand at making fudge this year. With a few simple ingredients you can create a rich and chocolatey treat.

Ingredients:

- 2 cups (500 mL) granulated sugar
- 1 can (150 g) evaporated milk
- 1/2 cup (125 mL) butter
- 1 pkg (360 g) semisweet chocolate chips
- 1 jar (210 g) marshmallow crème
- 1 tsp (5 mL) vanilla
- 1 cup (250 mL) slivered almonds, toasted
- 3/4 cup (175 mL) dried Bing cherries, chopped
- 2/3 cup (150 mL) whole blanched almonds toasted, for garnish (optional)

Preparation:

1. Butter 9-inch (2 L) square baking pan; set aside.
2. In 3-quart (2.8 L) saucepan over medium-high heat, stir sugar, milk and butter until butter melts and mixture comes to a full boil. Continue to cook 5 minutes, stirring constantly.
3. Remove from heat; gradually mix in chocolate chips until melted, then stir in marshmallow crème until melted and thoroughly blended. Mix in vanilla, slivered almonds and cherries to distribute evenly.
4. With a rubber spatula, scrape into buttered pan and smooth the top. Decorate with whole almonds, spacing apart and pressing in lightly, so that fudge can be cut into squares between almonds. Allow to set in cool place for 2 to 3 hours.
5. Cut fudge into squares; arrange and cover with plastic wrap in gift packages, or place on serving dish. To store, wrap and refrigerate up to 1 week. Bring to room temperature before serving.

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▶ Almonds and cherries mixed in fudge ... yummy!

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- orange slice
- sparkling water

In a mixing glass filled with ice cubes, chill orange flavoured vodka. Then pour into a cone shape glass. Add maraschino cherry. Place orange slice in the top of the glass in order to seal in the vodka.
To serve, pour cold sparkling water over the orange slice.
Serve the cocktail with a straw and ask your guest to push on the orange slice to mix the drink.
Makes 1 serving.

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Get festive with fruit bread

Swing into baking season and delight friends and family members with this sweet and simple-to-whip-up soda bread with dried cherries. It's perfect at breakfast or with a cup of tea or coffee during a welcome break in the busy work day. Try the sliced loaf with butter or cream cheese.

Ingredients:

- 1.125 ml (4 1/2 cups) all-purpose flour
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) granulated sugar
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) baking powder
- 2 ml (1/2 tbsp) baking soda
- 2 ml (1/2 tbsp) salt
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) shortening
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) dried cherries, cranberries or raisons
- 500 ml (2 cups) buttermilk

Preparation:

1. Heat oven to 350 F. Lightly grease a baking sheet or line with parchment paper.
2. In a bowl, combine flour, sugar, baking powder, baking soda and salt.
3. Cut in shortening with a pastry blender or fork until mixture resembles coarse meal. Add cherries and buttermilk, stirring until all ingredients are moistened. Turn out onto floured surface and knead dough for about 1 minute. Shape into a ball.
4. lace on prepared baking sheet and bake in centre of the over for 30-35 minutes or until loaf is a lovely golden and sounds hollow when tapped.

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Cherry bread

End of the line for Iggy?

THE HOCKEY NEWS

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Is there nothing left in the tank, Jarome? Is that all you have?

It's a refrain slowly creeping into the lexicon of Calgary Flames fans' vocabularies.

At first they didn't want to say it, because Jarome Iginla has been Mr. Everything to the organization for more than a decade. Because Jarome always answered the bell in the past.

Critics said he was slowing down last year when he and the team got off to a horrible start. But he responded to score 43 goals (third highest in his career) and 86 points (sixth best in the NHL). Iginla couldn't lead his team into the playoffs, but there was always next year.

Next year is now and Iggy is looking dreadful. When he started slowly, we attributed it to him missing training camp and the preseason. When two bad weeks turned into three, we said wait till November. Iggy always gets going in November. The month is almost over and an old-looking Iginla has one goal, one assist and a minus-10 rating in his past eight games.

What if this is the end of the line for Iginla?

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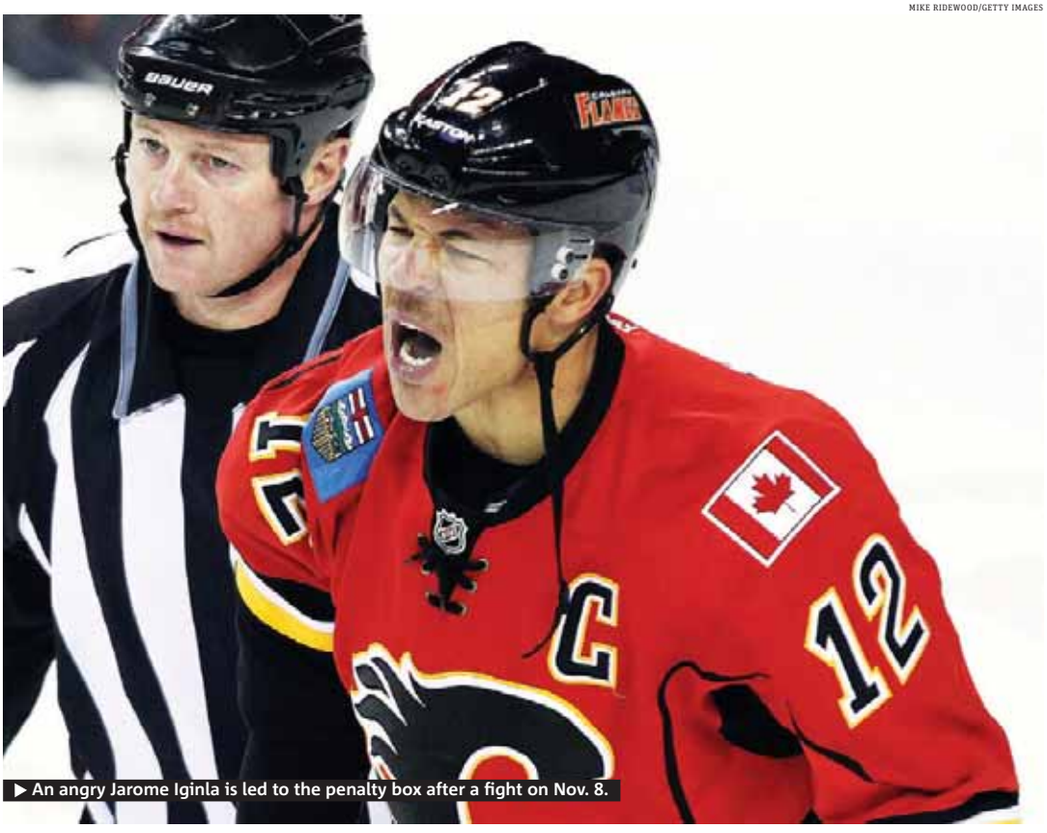

▶ An angry Jarome Iginla is led to the penalty box after a fight on Nov. 8.

There's no disputing Iggy has lost a step over last season. Gone are those speedy, powerful bursts over the blue-line, tight turns, quick releases. Gone are those two or three times a game when he outmuscles a foe and bulls his way to a scoring chance or rebound.

Sure, a bust-out game, hot streak, confidence boost may be the only thing standing in the way of an Iggy flashback, but there's no denying the poor, sluggish shifts are coming with more and more frequency for the 34-year-old future Hall of Famer.

Now in the second-last year of a $7-million-a-season contract, it's clear Iginla must be sacrificed and traded for the long-term well-being of the franchise. Whether that happens in February, next summer or at the trade deadline next season, his value diminishes with each passing month.

It may not be too late to salvage the season, but it's getting darned close.

What to do now to tap into the last of Iggy's reserves, coach Brent Sutter must be asking.

Maybe it's time to give Brendan Morrison another shot centring the top line with Iginla and Alex Tanguay. It might be the right tonic for an ailing superstar.

MLB bucks trend, signs CBA early

Baseball commissioner Bud Selig and union head Michael Weiner smiled and exchanged handshakes while others in the room dug into knishes and pigs in a blanket.

Not exactly the typical scene surrounding sports labour talks this year.

Baseball ensured itself of 21 consecutive years of peace at a time the NBA season might be cancelled because of a lockout and the NFL still is recovering from its CBA negotiations.

"We've learned," Selig said yesterday after players and owners signed an agreement for a five-year contract running until December 2016. "Nobody back in the '70s, '80s and the early '90s, 1994, would ever believe that we would have 21 years of labour peace."

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▶ From left, vice-president of labour relations Rob Manfred, MLB commissioner Bud Selig and players union executive director Michael Weiner in New York yesterday.

The agreement makes MLB the first pro major league in North America to conduct blood tests for human growth hormone, allowing it during spring training and future off-seasons but for now only studying whether it will be implemented during the regular season.

The deal, which must be ratified by both sides and drafted into a formal contract, expands the playoffs from eight to 10 teams by 2013, lessens draft-pick compensation for free agents, expands salary arbitration by a few players and for the first time allows teams to trade some draft selections.

It also adds unprecedented restraints on signing bonuses for amateur players coming to the major leagues from high school, college and overseas.

Following eight work stoppages from 1972-95, baseball reached its third straight agreement without an interruption of play. The current deal was to expire Dec. 11.

Baseball seems to have learned the lessons of the 1994-95 strike, which wiped out the World Series for the first time in nine decades. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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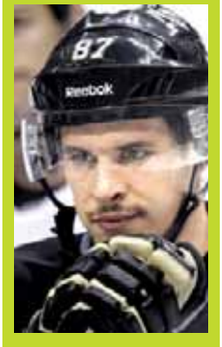

"There are things that as the games go on I'm going to have to improve and get better, but it's only going to happen through playing."

SIDNEY CROSBY. A DAY AFTER HIS FIRST GAME IN 10 MONTHS, CROSBY JOINED HIS TEAMMATES IN A SPIRITED HOUR-LONG PRACTICE YESTERDAY MORNING, WITH HIS LEGS, HIS LUNGS AND — MOST IMPORTANTLY — HIS HEAD FEELING JUST FINE.

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NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OTL	SL	GF	GA	Pts	Home	Away	Last 10	Strk
d-Pittsburgh	21	12	6	1	2	65	50	27	7-1-1-0	5-5-0-2	5-4-0-1	W1
d-Toronto	22	12	8	1	1	70	70	26	6-3-1-1	6-5-0-0	4-5-0-1	W1
d-Florida	20	11	6	0	3	60	51	25	4-2-0-3	7-4-0-0	5-2-0-3	W2
Philadelphia	20	11	6	2	1	75	62	25	5-4-1-1	6-2-1-0	6-2-1-1	L2
Buffalo	20	12	8	0	0	58	51	24	5-6-0-0	7-2-0-0	6-4-0-0	L1
NY Rangers	17	10	4	1	2	47	37	23	5-1-0-1	5-3-1-1	7-2-0-1	L1
Washington	19	11	7	0	1	62	59	23	7-1-0-1	4-6-0-0	4-5-0-1	W1
Boston	19	12	7	0	0	65	39	22	8-5-0-0	4-2-0-0	9-1-0-0	W9
Ottawa	21	10	9	1	1	62	70	22	5-4-0-1	5-5-1-0	4-4-1-1	L1
New Jersey	19	10	8	0	1	52	54	21	4-3-0-1	6-5-0-0	6-4-0-0	L1
Montreal	21	9	9	1	2	53	50	21	4-5-1-2	5-4-0-0	5-3-1-1	L1
Tampa Bay	20	9	9	0	2	55	67	20	6-3-0-0	3-6-0-2	5-5-0-0	L2
Winnipeg	20	8	9	2	1	58	65	19	5-3-0-0	3-6-2-1	5-3-2-0	W3
Carolina	22	8	11	2	1	53	72	19	5-5-0-1	3-6-2-0	3-7-0-0	W2
NY Islanders	18	5	10	2	1	35	61	13	5-5-1-0	0-5-1-1	2-6-2-0	L2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OTL	SL	GF	GA	Pts	Home	Away	Last 10	Strk
d-Minnesota	20	12	5	2	1	47	40	27	7-2-1-0	5-3-1-1	9-1-0-0	W4
d-Chicago	21	12	6	1	2	71	67	27	7-1-0-2	5-5-1-0	5-4-1-0	L2
d-San Jose	18	12	5	1	0	57	43	25	5-3-1-0	7-2-0-0	7-2-1-0	W3
Los Angeles	21	11	7	1	2	52	50	25	6-5-0-1	5-2-1-1	5-4-0-1	W1
Nashville	20	10	6	3	1	55	54	24	4-3-2-1	6-3-1-0	5-2-3-0	L2
Dallas	20	21	8	0	0	53	55	24	7-3-0-0	5-5-0-0	5-5-0-0	W1
Edmonton	21	11	8	0	2	57	51	24	6-2-0-1	5-6-0-1	4-6-0-0	W1
Detroit	19	11	7	1	0	53	43	23	7-2-1-0	4-5-0-0	6-3-1-0	W2
Phoenix	19	10	6	1	2	54	49	23	5-3-1-1	5-3-0-1	6-3-1-0	L1
St. Louis	20	10	8	0	2	50	46	22	7-2-0-1	3-6-0-1	5-3-0-2	L2
Vancouver	20	10	9	0	1	58	57	21	5-3-0-1	5-6-0-0	6-4-0-0	W1
Colorado	21	9	11	1	0	56	65	19	3-7-0-0	6-4-1-0	2-7-1-0	L1
Calgary	19	8	10	1	0	42	51	17	4-5-1-0	4-5-0-0	4-6-0-0	L1
Anaheim	20	6	10	1	3	41	62	16	4-6-0-0	2-4-1-3	1-6-1-2	L4
Columbus	20	5	13	0	2	47	70	12	4-6-0-1	1-7-0-1	4-5-0-1	W2

d — division leaders ranked 1-2-3 regardless of points; a team winning in overtime or shootout is credited with two points and a victory in the W column; the team losing in overtime or shootout receives one point which is registered in the OTL (overtime loss) or SL (shootout loss) column.

Last night's results
Toronto 7 Tampa Bay 1
Edmonton 6 Nashville 2
Los Angeles 3 St. Louis 2
Monday's results
Dallas 4 Edmonton 1
Columbus 4 Calgary 1
Boston 1 Montreal 0
Carolina 4 Philadelphia 2
Pittsburgh 5 N.Y. Islanders 0
Florida 4 New Jersey 3
Washington 4 Phoenix 3
Tonight's games
All times Eastern
Boston at Buffalo, 7 p.m.
Columbus at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
Philadelphia at N.Y. Islanders, 7 p.m.
St. Louis at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.
Winnipeg at Washington, 7 p.m.
Montreal at Carolina, 7 p.m.
Calgary at Detroit, 7 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at Florida, 7:30 p.m.
Nashville at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Los Angeles at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Vancouver at Colorado, 9 p.m.
Anaheim at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Chicago at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.
Friday's games
Detroit at Boston, 1 p.m.
New Jersey at N.Y. Islanders, 1 p.m.
Montreal at Philadelphia, 1 p.m.
Edmonton at Minnesota, 2 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at Washington, 4 p.m.
Chicago at Anaheim, 4 p.m.
Ottawa at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.
Winnipeg at Carolina, 7 p.m.
Buffalo at Columbus, 7 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Florida, 7:30 p.m.
Calgary at St. Louis, 8 p.m.
Toronto at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Vancouver at Phoenix, 9 p.m.

MAPLE LEAFS 7, LIGHTNING 1

First Period
1. Toronto, MacArthur 7 (Gardiner, T.Connolly) 0:41
2. Tampa Bay, Lecavalier 9 (Stamkos, Malone) 8:38 (pp)
3. Toronto, T.Connolly 3 (Kulemin, Franson) 17:56 (pp)
4. Toronto, Bozak 3 (Kessel, T.Connolly) 19:22 (pp)

Penalties — Dupuis Tor (hooking) 3:27, Gardiner Tor (hooking) 7:42, Hedman TB (double high-sticking) 16:20, Kubina TB (interference) 18:44.
Second Period
5. Toronto, Colborne 1 (Frattin, Liles) 17:45

Penalty — Rosehill Tor (holding stick) 4:26.
Third Period
6. Toronto, Bozak 4, 3:07
7. Toronto, Lupul 11 (Bozak, Phaneuf) 4:28
8. Toronto, Crabb 3 (Frattin, Gardiner) 14:28

Penalties — Franson Tor (hooking), Purcell TB (diving) 1:13, Shannon TB (tripping) 2:29, T.Connolly Tor (interference) 2:52, Gardiner Tor (holding) 11:17, Gardiner Tor, Stamkos TB (double roughing) 18:11.
Shots on goal

Toronto	8	10	8	—26
Tampa Bay	13	6	9	—28

Goal (shots-saves) — Toronto: Gustavsson (W,6-4-0); Tampa Bay: Roloson (L,6-6-1)(21-15), Garon (4:28 third)(5-4).
Power plays (goals-chances) — Toronto: 2-4; Tampa Bay: 1-6.
Referees — Tom Kowal, Dan O'Rourke. **Linesmen** — Brian Murphy, Pierre Racicot.
Att. — 0 (19,204) at Tampa, Fla.

OILERS 6, PREDATORS 2

First Period
1. Edmonton, Horcoff 5 (Nugent-Hopkins, Hall) 9:31 (pp)
2. Edmonton, Hemsky 2 (Smyth, Eberle) 11:39
3. Edmonton, Eberle 6 (Hall, Nugent-Hopkins) 15:51

Penalties — C.Smith Nash (hooking) 9:09, Smithson Nash (holding) 13:45.
Second Period — No Scoring.
Penalties — Smyth Edm (hooking) 6:52, Gilbert Edm (holding) 8:01, Petry Edm (hooking) 12:24, Gagner Edm, Halischuk Nash (fighting) 15:22.
Third Period
4. Edmonton, Eberle 7 (Smyth, Smid) 5:00
5. Nashville, Tootoo 1 (Weber, Suter) 11:32 (pp)
6. Edmonton, Petry 1 (Belanger, Hemsky) 12:22 (pp)
7. Edmonton, Horcoff 6 (Gagner, Jones) 15:03
8. Nashville, Blum 2 (Fisher, Tootoo) 19:40

Penalties — Teubert Edm (interference) 5:46, Kostitsyn Nash (interference) 6:50, Teubert Edm (tripping) 11:26, Suter Nash (elbowing) 12:07, Plante Edm (cross-checking) 15:31.
Shots on goal

Edmonton	13	7	12	—32
Nashville	3	18	11	—32

Goal (shots-saves) — Edmonton: Dubnyk (W,3-4-0); Nashville: Rinne (L,10-5-4)(13-10), Lindback (start second)(19-16). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Edmonton: 2-4; Nash: 1-6.
Att. — 16,838 (17,113) at Nashville, Tenn.

KINGS 3, BLUES 2

First Period
1. St. Louis, Steen 8 (Oshie) 1:07

Penalties — Arnott StL (tripping) 1:50, Moreau LA (high-sticking) 5:37, Fraser LA, Nichol StL (fighting) 17:18, Clifford LA (hooking) 18:04.
Second Period
2. Los Angeles, Kopitar 10 (Richards) 7:36 (pp)

Penalties — Hunter LA (slashing) 3:00, Reaves StL (interference) 5:41, Pietrangelo StL (interference) 10:24, Porter StL (cross-checking) 16:59, Clifford LA (high-sticking) 19:01, Pietrangelo StL (slashing) 20:00.
Third Period
3. Los Angeles, Richards 9 (Loktionov) 4:41
4. St. Louis, Sobotka 2 (D'Agostini, Russell) 12:28
5. Los Angeles, Mitchell 1 (Gagne, Williams) 14:11

Penalties — Sobotka StL (roughing) 5:11, Gagne LA (hooking) 8:23, Doughty LA (cross-checking) 19:58.
Shots on goal

Los Angeles	8	11	9	—28
St. Louis	7	14	4	—25

Goal — Los Angeles: Bernier (W,2-2-0); St. Louis: Halak (L,3-7-2). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Los Angeles: 1-6; St. Louis: 0-6.
Att. — 18,178 (19,150) at St. Louis, Mo.

SCORING LEADERS

	G	A	PT
Kessel, Tor	16	13	29
Giroux, Pha	11	15	26
Versteeg, Fla	11	14	25
Lupul, Tor	10	15	25
Vanek, Buf	11	13	24
D.Sedin, Vcr	6	18	24
Ma.Hossa, Chi	9	14	23
Kopitar, LA	9	14	23
Pominville, Buf	8	15	23
P.Kane, Chi	7	15	22
H.Sedin, Vcr	7	15	22
Backstrom, Wash	6	16	22
Neal, Pgh	12	9	21
Seguin, Bos	11	10	21

Last night's games not included

CFL PLAYOFFS

GREY CUP

Sunday's game
At Vancouver
Winnipeg vs. B.C., 6:30 p.m., EST

PLAYOFF SCORING LEADERS

	TD	C	FG	S	Pts
Schiavone, Edm	0	6	4	0	18
Medlock, Ham	0	5	4	0	17
McCallum, BC	0	4	4	0	16
Whyte, Mtl	0	5	3	0	14
Barnes, Edm	2	0	0	0	12
Harris, BC	2	0	0	0	12
Q.Porter, Ham	2	0	0	0	12
Paredes, Cal	0	1	3	0	10
x-C.Williams, Ham	1	2	0	0	8
Palardy, Wpg	0	1	2	0	7
Cobourne, Ham	1	0	0	0	6
Cornish, Cal	1	0	0	0	6
Deslauriers, Mtl	1	0	0	0	6
Garrett, Wpg	1	0	0	0	6
B.Grant, Ham	1	0	0	0	6
Green, Mtl	1	0	0	0	6
Lulay, BC	1	0	0	0	6
McCarty, Edm	1	0	0	0	6
McPherson, Mtl	1	0	0	0	6
Messam, Edm	1	0	0	0	6
Munoz, Edm	1	0	0	0	6
Richardson, Mtl	1	0	0	0	6
Simon, BC	1	0	0	0	6
Stamps, Edm	1	0	0	0	6
Thigpen, Ham	1	0	0	0	6
Vega, Wpg	1	0	0	0	6
Whitaker, Mtl	1	0	0	0	6
Dales, Cal	0	0	0	3	3
Duval, Edm	0	0	0	2	2

FOOTBALL

CIS PLAYOFFS

VANIER CUP

Friday's game
At Vancouver
McMaster vs. Laval, 9 p.m., EST

TENNIS

ATP

BARCLAYS WORLD FINALS

At London
ROUND ROBIN
SINGLES
Group B
Roger Federer (4), Switzerland, def. Rafael Nadal (2), Spain, 6-3, 6-0.
Jo-Wilfried Tsonga (6), France, def. Mardy Fish (8), U.S., 7-6 (4), 6-1.
Standings: x-Federer 2-0 (4-1), Tsonga 1-1 (3-2), Nadal 1-1 (2-3), Fish 0-2 (1-4).
Group A
Standings: Ferrer 1-0 (2-0), Djokovic 1-0 (2-1), Berdych 0-1 (1-2), y-Murray 0-1 (0-2), a-Tipsarevic 0-0 (0-0).
DOUBLES
Group B
Max Mirnyi, Belarus, and **Daniel Nestor (3), Toronto,** def. Mariusz Fyrstenberg and Marcin Matkowski (8), Poland, 6-4, 6-3.
Standings: x-Mirnyi-**Nestor 2-0 (4-1)**, Llodra-Zimonjic 1-1 (3-2), Fyrstenberg-Matkowski 1-1 (2-3), Bopanna-Qureshi 0-2 (1-4).
Group A
Standings: Lindstedt-Tecau 1-0 (2-0), Bryan-Bryan 1-0 (2-1), Melzer-Petzschner 0-1 (1-2), Bhupathi-Paes 0-1 (0-2).

NFL

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

EAST

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	7	3	0	.700	293	203
N.Y. Jets	5	5	0	.500	228	217
Buffalo	5	5	0	.500	237	253
Miami	3	7	0	.300	193	186

SOUTH

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Houston	7	3	0	.700	273	166
Tennessee	5	5	0	.500	203	195
Jacksonville	3	7	0	.300	125	180
Indianapolis	0	10	0	.000	131	300

NORTH

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Baltimore	7	3	0	.700	256	176
Pittsburgh	7	3	0	.700	220	179
Cincinnati	6	4	0	.600	236	195
Cleveland	4	6	0	.400	145	193

WEST

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Oakland	6	4	0	.600	235	254
Denver	5	5	0	.500	205	247
San Diego	4	6	0	.400	236	259
Kansas City	4	6	0	.400	144	252

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

EAST

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Dallas	6	4	0	.600	250	206
N.Y. Giants	6	4	0	.600	228	228
Philadelphia	4	6	0	.400	237	213
Washington	3	7	0	.300	160	205

SOUTH

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New Orleans	7	3	0	.700	313	228
Atlanta	6	4	0	.600	235	213
Tampa Bay	4	6	0	.400	182	268
Carolina	2	8	0	.200	225	286

NORTH

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Green Bay	10	0	0	1.000	355	212
Detroit	7	3	0	.700	301	219
Chicago	7	3	0	.700	268	207
Minnesota	2	8	0	.200	200	271

WEST

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
San Francisco	9	1	0	.900	256	145
Seattle	4	6	0	.400	168	209
Arizona	3	7	0	.300	190	236
St. Louis	2	8	0	.200	120	247

Monday's result
New England 34, Kansas City 3
WEEK 12
Tomorrow's games
All times Eastern
Green Bay at Detroit, 12:30 p.m.
Miami at Dallas, 4:15 p.m.
San Francisco at Baltimore, 8:20 p.m.
Sunday's games
Arizona at St. Louis, 1 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Tennessee, 1 p.m.
Cleveland at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.
Buffalo at N.Y. Jets, 1 p.m.
Houston at Jacksonville, 1 p.m.
Carolina at Indianapolis, 1 p.m.
Minnesota at Atlanta, 1 p.m.
Chicago at Oakland, 4:05 p.m.
Washington at Seattle, 4:05 p.m.
Denver at San Diego, 4:15 p.m.
New England at Philadelphia, 4:15 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Kansas City, 8:20 p.m.
Monday, Nov. 28
N.Y. Giants at New Orleans, 8:30 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE

BOSTON RED SOX — Promoted Mike Hazen and Brian O'Halloran to vice-president/assistant general manager; David Finley to director of player personnel; Zack Scott to director of major league operations, Raquel Ferreira to senior director of minor league operations; Ben Crockett to director of player development; Jared Porter to director of professional scouting; Eddie Romero to director of international scouting; and Galen Carr to special assignment scout. Named Allard Baird vice-president of player personnel, Bob McClure special assignment scout/instructor and David Keller professional scout. Extended the contract of amateur scouting director Amiel Sawdaye.
TEXAS RANGERS — Agreed to terms with RHP Joe Nathan on a two-year contract.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

PITTSBURGH PIRATES — Named Dave Jauss major league scout; Gary Robinson, Alvin Rittman, Jim Dedrick and Rob Guzik pro scouts; Juan Mercado Latin American scouting supervisor; Victor Santana area scouting supervisor for the Dominican Republic; Jim Asher amateur scouting co-ordinator; Greg Schilz North Regional scouting supervisor; Matt Ruebel national amateur scouting supervisor; and SeanHeffernan, Brian Selman and Mike Sansoe area amateur scouting supervisors.

FOOTBALL

NFL

BUFFALO BILLS — Placed CB Terrence McGee and WR Donald Jones on injured reserve. Signed WR Kamar Aiken from the practice squad. Signed WR Derek Hagan. Signed DB Prince Miller to the practice squad. Re-signed G Keith Williams to the practice squad.
CHICAGO BEARS — Signed LS Jake Laptad to a three-year contract. Signed OT Josh Davis and CB Joshua Moore to the practice squad.
CINCINNATI BENGALS — Released CB Walter McFadden from the practice squad.
DENVER BRONCOS — Waived QB Kyle Orton.
WASHINGTON REDSKINS — Signed RB Evan Royster from the practice squad. Signed RB Tristan Davis to the practice squad. released RB Tashard Choice.

HOCKEY

NHL

DETROIT RED WINGS — Reassigned F Fabian Brunnstrom to Grand Rapids (AHL).
PHOENIX COYOTES — Re-signed C Kyle Turris to a multi-year contract.
TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS — Signed D Stuart Percy to a three-year, entry-level contract.

AHL

LEAGUE OFFICE — Suspended Connecticut C Kris Newbury four games, Springfield LW Dane Byers two games and Providence C Zach Hamill one game for their actions during games last week.
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Engine

Under the hood is an inline six-cylinder engine that delivers 325 horsepower and 345 pound-feet of torque. That's up 25 horsepower over the S60's standard six-cylinder turbo engine, which was the only engine available for the 2011 model year.

Also joining the lineup for 2012 is a new T5 base model with a 250-horsepower 2.5-litre five-cylinder turbo engine. Unlike the 3.0, which is mated to an all-wheel-drive system, the 2.5 comes only as a front-wheel-driver.

0-to-100 km/h

According to Volvo, the R-Design will achieve a zero-to-100 km/h time in about 5.5 seconds, quicker by 0.3 than the now mid-range S60 T6. By comparison, the 333-horsepower Audi S4 is about a half-second quicker still, if that helps put things in perspective.

A six-speed "Geartronic" automatic transmission directs the power to the front (T5) or all four wheels, which is the case with both T6 models.

Fashion statement

The easiest way to tell the T6 AWD R-Design from the rest of the line is by its blacked-out grille, lower chin spoiler and rear lower-body diffuser that's sandwiched between the twin exhaust pipes. A set of 18-inch "Ixion" alloy wheels makes a unique fashion statement.

The only R-Design logo you'll find is located in the grille area, which is a very subtle and elegant touch.

▶ The R-Design is largely a styling package with an additional 25 horsepower and some matching suspension tuning. The brakes are the same size as what you'll find on the lesser T6-AWD. The R-Design lists at $51,400, which is about $4,850 more than a T6 and more than $12,000 above the price of the base S60.

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It's always an internal struggle when your heart screams "sports car" but your head, along with the pleadings of significant others, requires something more practical.

Fortunately, Volvo offers a pleasant way to satisfy both sides of your nerve-wracked conscience with the 2012 S60 R-Design.

The S60 demonstrated added style mixed with Swedish sensibility when it was launched for the 2011 model year.

At that time, Volvo announced that a more basic S60 would follow. It has delivered on that promise, but in a surprise move, the automaker is also marketing a more aggressive-looking — and acting — performance version.

The T6 AWD R-Design is an extension of the same car that has gone further than just about any previous Volvo model since the 1960s P1800 coupe at removing Volvo's boxy stigma. For the R-Design, the front and rear end have been remodelled while leaving the surrounding sheetmetal mostly untouched.

The R-Design adds a more muscular dimension to what is one of Volvo's more popular models.

It's also one that can satisfy both the heart and the head of just about any driver.

5 drive

By comparison

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The Specialty Equipment Market Association (SEMA) show is a meeting of buyers and sellers of aftermarket auto parts and accessories from around the globe.

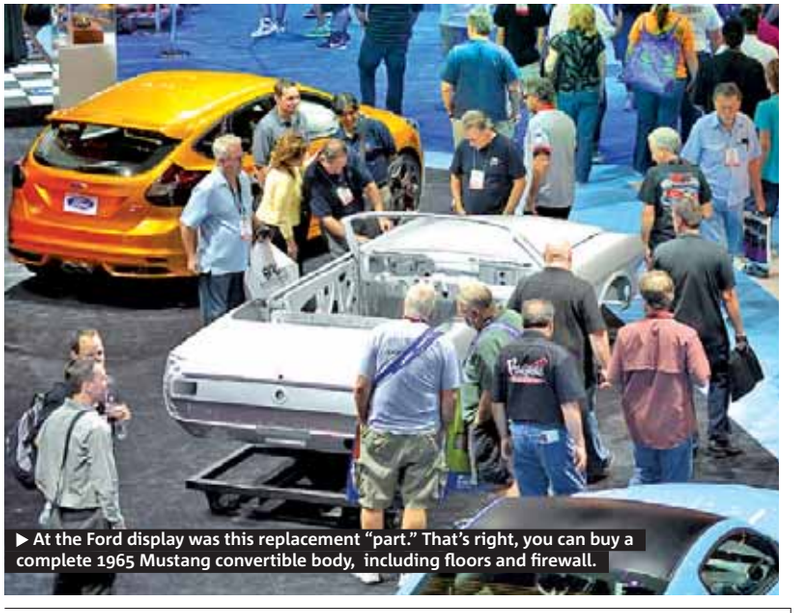
Together, they determine what you'll find on store shelves until the next SEMA show arrives in November of 2012 to begin the process all over again.

Everything automotive is on the table, from shiny trim parts and running boards to reproduction 1965 Mustang bodies and diamond-studded wheels worth a quarter-million each.

Just the brand new parts alone number about 2,000 and what better way to show those parts than to have hundreds of show vehicles wearing them.

Members of the press get to crash this party, which takes place in and around the 3.2-million-square-foot Las Vegas convention Center, while the public is left to wonder what the fuss is all about.

Well, this is what the fuss is all about.



▶ At the Ford display was this replacement "part." That's right, you can buy a complete 1965 Mustang convertible body, including floors and firewall.

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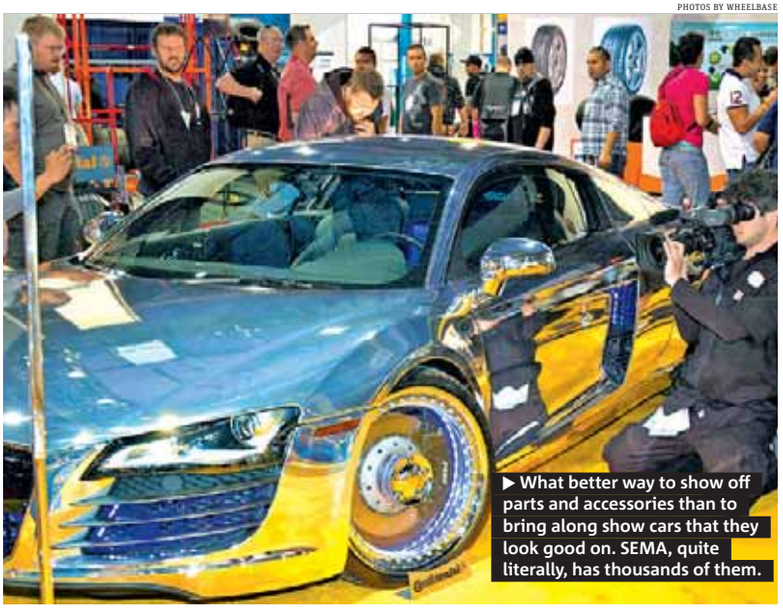


▶ What better way to show off parts and accessories than to bring along show cars that they look good on. SEMA, quite literally, has thousands of them.

Hottest trends

Larger (up to 30 inches in diameter, in some cases) and fancier wheels continue to dominate SEMA. Black-finished wheels remain popular, but chrome and polished aluminum pieces remain in vogue.

Also taking root are matte-finish paint schemes that lack any gloss.

Mercedes-Benz, BMW and other high-end vehicles even charge extra for this primer-paint effect.

Related to this movement are hot rods and older collector cars that have been deliberately left in their natural "barn find" patina, instead of being restored to better-than-new condition. The automotive coatings industry can't be all that crazy about this movement and is likely hoping it never really catches on.

But perhaps the most significant trend of all is the growth in retro-styled bodies.

You can now build fairly exact replicas of first-generation Mustang and Camaros, along with 1955-'57 Chevrolets and 1940s-era Ford and Lincoln coupes.

One company even makes a very cool reproduction of a Corvette Nomad concept that was the hit of General Motors' 1954 Motorama show.

Automobile manufacturer displays

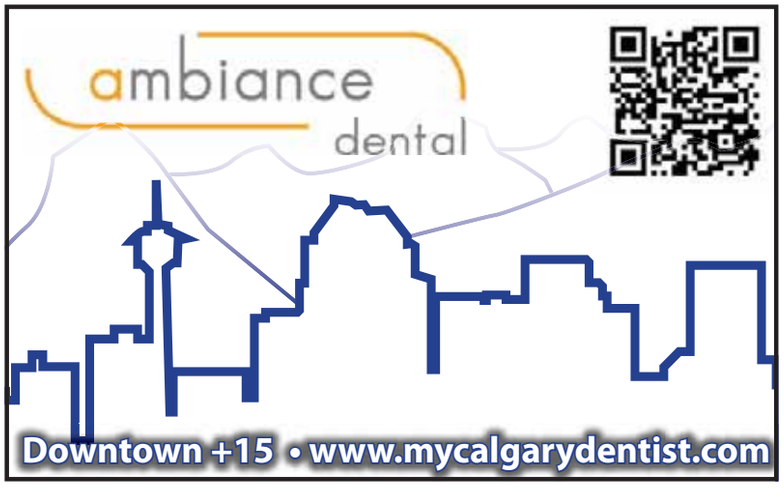
Automakers are increasingly embracing the SEMA show as a venue to demonstrate how their latest models can be modified with aftermarket performance parts, high-tech accessories and trick colour schemes. Some even use this event to launch their upcoming latest and greatest models, knowing that the press will provide them with millions of dollars worth of publicity for free.

This year, GM, in celebration of Chevrolet's 100th anniversary, featured its new Sonic small car in various tricked-out guises, along with two interesting versions of the Chevrolet Camaro: a retro-influenced COPO (Central Office Purchase Order) drag racer available later in 2012; and a full-scale Hot Wheels concept painted and decorated like Mattel's popular toy car.

Most popular vehicles

SEMA's organizers presented awards to the Fiat 500, Ford F-150 pick-up, Jeep Wrangler and Chevrolet Camaro as "Hottest" in their respective classes, but the Camaro is our official real star of the show. Both coupes and convertibles proved highly popular as demonstration platforms (where did the Mustangs go this year?) for a wide variety of new-product add-ons, while the Jeep Wrangler remained popular as a truck/sport ute product canvass.

Honourable mentions go to the Nissan GT-R, plus assorted Porsches, Ferraris and Lamborghinis that always provide excellent eye candy for numerous accessory manufacturers.



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A major auto show like last week's clam bake at Los Angeles will always bring out the crowd-pulling attractions, like fantastical concepts, rocket-launcher sport machines, and uber-luxury land yachts.

But we're not going to discuss any of them. Well, at least not today.

Because one of the most compelling story lines to emerge from the show concerns two nameplates with more working class roots — Ford Escape and Honda CR-V.

Both Escape and CR-V debuted in their next-generation finery at Los Angeles, and both are huge sellers, which sets up a doozy battle for segment supremacy in 2012.

Escape is actually the top selling SUV in North America and has dominated the Canadian compact crossover sales segment for years, with its combination of keen pricing, roomy confines, and rugged, good looks.

Honda CR-V is a perennial top-three contender, currently just behind Hyundai Santa Fe (YTD), and has always impressed with a refined and efficient engine, easy handling, reliability, and not-going-to-bug-anybody looks.

When the new versions get to battle, it will be more about style and technology.

The Escape's new style eschews its previous, traditional SUV profile, for one that's sleeker and more like others in its segment.

The shape is about 10 per cent more aerodynamic.

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▶ The new Ford Escape has a feature that allows you to open the tailgate with a kicking motion.

And here's a partial list of some of its new technologies: a tailgate that can open with a "kicking motion" from your foot; a 4WD system that can slow the vehicle when cornering too fast; your choice of two direct-injection, turbocharged powerplants (2.0-litre and 1.6-litre EcoBoosts), and an updated version of the current 2.5-litre; and second-generation MyFord Touch.

The 2012 Honda CR-V will move away from the "quasi minivan" look, and gets a more muscled and sporty vibe.

Its new AWD system is more able to precisely figure out traction requirements and how to mix the torque between the four wheels. The sole powertrain is the highly-evolved Honda 2.4-litre i-VTEC "four" and a 5-speed automatic tranny.

Interesting new CR-V developments include: Eco Assist, which teaches you to drive "greener"; ECON Mode, which alters the powertrain in a more green way; standard Bluetooth hands-free interface; rearview camera with top view; satellite-linked navigation system with bilingual voice recognition; and a SMS text messaging function, which can read texts over the audio system, and allow drivers to respond with one of six pre-set text messages.

New CR-V production starts early in 2012 at Honda's plant in Alliston, Ont.

The 2013 Escape will arrive a bit later, in the spring.

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Electric cars need more than plug-and-play

There are other options besides a standard wall outlet

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▶ A Nissan Leaf is pictured while plugged into a charging station.

Once just a possibility, electric vehicles are now making their way to market. But just because you can buy a battery-powered car like the Nissan Leaf or Chevrolet Volt, don't expect to simply bring it home and plug it in.

"It's not viable to plug it into an extension cord out the window," says Kevin McIntyre, marketing account manager for Eaton, which manufactures vehicle charging stations.

"The cars draw an awful lot of power. These run steady once they're charging and you want to run them off a dedicated circuit if you can."

Simply plugging an electric vehicle into a standard wall outlet will take anywhere from 12 to 16 hours to charge, McIntyre says.

"When you install a residential home charging station, it cuts it down to four to six hours. You're connecting to 220 volts versus 110 volts."

That higher voltage is similar to what a clothes dryer or oven uses, but those appliances draw power sporadically, turning the heating element on and off as needed.

"The difference is (the car) is a continuous load, so we oversize the protection and the wire that feeds it," McIntyre says.

"You're drawing maximum load. If it's not done safely, you can have short circuits, start tripping breakers, and potentially have a fire if you don't have (electrical) current protection."

Even if you're willing to take longer to charge your car, it should still be plugged into a dedicated circuit, which will prevent "nuisance tripping" of breakers when other electrical items in the house draw power.

Before installing a charger, Eaton's contractors assess the house to see if its electrical system can handle the load, "preferably before you buy the car just to make sure you can charge it," McIntyre says.

For a house with 200-amp service, an installed charger is approximately $2,000. Fast-charge, direct-current (DC) chargers can top up a depleted battery to 80 per cent in about half an hour and can provide enough power for 50 km of driving in about 10 minutes, but at around $75,000, they're primarily intended for commercial use.

Charging facts

- Electric cars and AC charging stations are standardized, and so just like fuel pump nozzles on gasoline-powered cars, every charging connector in North America fits the outlet on every electric vehicle. No matter what charging station you buy, it will charge your car.
- DC fast-chargers are not yet standardized, and engineers are working to draw up standards so they will fit every car as well.

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Top Gear

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Road trips and even short trips with a classic car to the show across town can lead to unwanted bug splatter and stone chips. Providing temporary protection is Road Wrap, which is a disposable, self-adhering, clear polyethylene film that sticks to your vehicle as if you were wrapping up left-over food.

The 45-centimetre-wide roll serves up 30 metres of Road Wrap that can be cut to the exact size you need. In fact, each roll includes a small cutting blade for trimming around headlights and grille openings.

According to the manufacturer, each application is good for up to seven days use, good enough for a week-long road trip or to get a classic car to a weekend show without chipping up the hood and grille chrome. buyroadwrap.com.

2

A ring with moving parts is sort of a rarity, but it's just the sort of gift that any mechanically-inclined car buff would love to wear.

Creator Glen Liberman from New York City teamed up with "kinetic designer" Ben Hopson to create the Gear Ring, which is a fascinating piece of stainless steel-finger jewelry complete with precision-made miniature gears that revolve in unison when the outer rings are turned (perfect for people who always need something to fiddle with).

The Gear Ring is available in 10 standard sizes (a chart in PDF format can be downloaded from the company's website) and can be shipped worldwide for $165 US.

To watch the video or to order, log on to kinektdesign.com.

3

The Vector AirPro Cordless Air Compressor looks and operates somewhat like a cordless drill, especially with its built-in rechargeable 12-volt battery pack.

But it's actually an emergency tire inflator that can pressurize to 120 pounds per square inch (p.s.i.) with a detachable 40-centimetre-long air hose. Its twin light emitting diodes (LEDs) will let you clearly see what you need to inflate, even in the dead of night.

There's an illuminated pressure dial built into the back of the unit, plus various nozzle adapters included for inflating air mattresses, footballs, soccer balls, etc.

The AirPro retails for about $70 US and can be purchased through a number of online stores, including amazon.com.

4

A full-size air compressor from your garage would be handy to have along for the ride in the back of your pick-up truck. You could inflate tires, run an "air locker" off-road differential and even use pneumatic tools, but you would need a wall socket and a very, very, very long extension, right?

Well, ViAir Corporation sells several models of 12-volt travel air compressors with pressure all the way up to 200 pounds per square inch (p.s.i.) and tank capacities of up to eight litres (most of the inexpensive 12-volt compressors on the market have no storage tank, which is essential for using tools or any task where a burst of high-pressure air is needed). viaircorp.com. **WHEELBASE**

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Chrysler 300 loved for affordable luxury

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The latest Chrysler 300 left a huge mark on the market with handsome and classical styling when it hit Canadian roads some years ago — and it's been selling strong ever since.

By offering honest pricing, affordable luxury and a powertrain for any reason or season, Chrysler created an award-winning touring car that put the American luxury sedan back on the map.

2005 to 2010 Chrysler 300

Engines

Standard was a 3.5-litre V-6 with 250 horsepower. A 5.7-litre HEMI V-8 could be fitted with 340 horsepower. That figure climbed slightly towards the end of the generation. All-wheel drive was available with either engine.

What owners like

The 300's styling, available V-8 power, honest pricing and comfort levels attracted many shoppers to showrooms — while a plush ride, easy-to-use cabin and overall value sealed the deal.

What owners dislike

Common gripes included slippery handling on snow and ice (proper tires will help a lot here), sub-par gas mileage with either engine, and limited visibility.

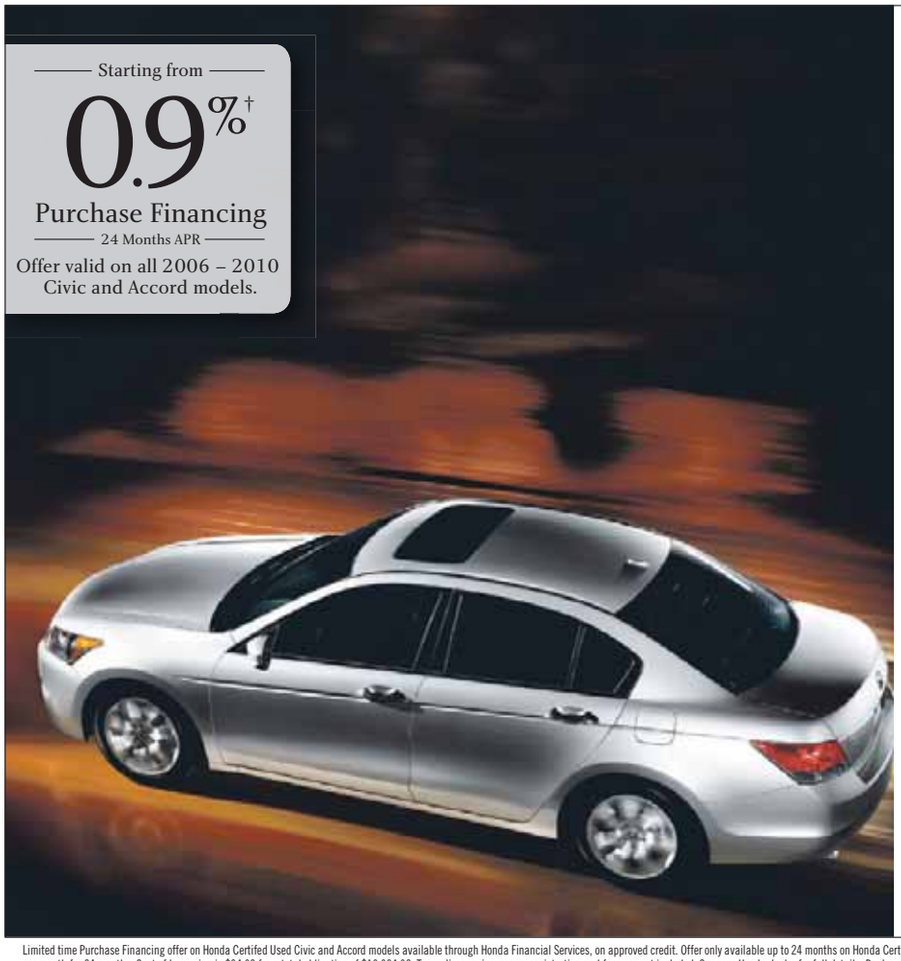
Common issues

Powertrain problems are more likely to be electronics-related than mechanical in nature. Ensure no warning lights are illuminated, the engine runs smoothly, and all instruments work as expected. A "scan" of the 300's computer system is also suggested ahead of your purchase.

Have the underside of your potential used 300 checked for leaks, especially around the transmission and transfer case (if equipped with AWD).

Verdict

At the end of the day, lower-than-average resale values, high-class styling and available HEMI performance should make the Chrysler 300 a popular choice with budget-minded performance and luxury enthusiasts.



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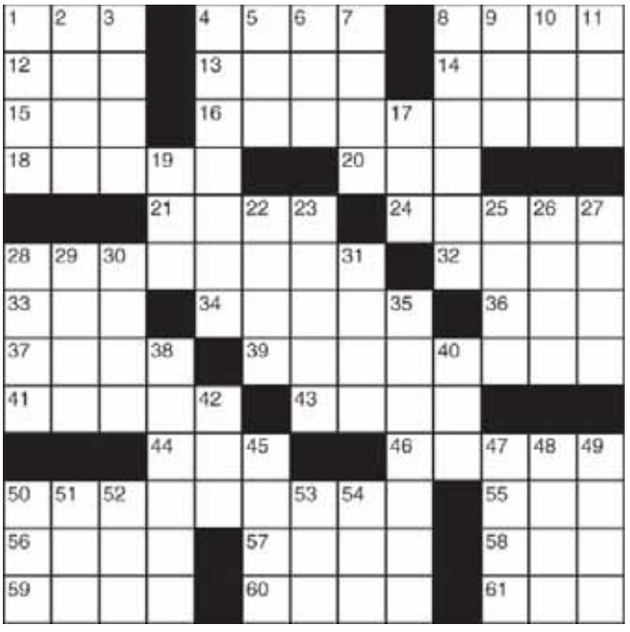

Across

1 Pump up the volume
4 Poolroom supply
8 Vase-shaped jug
12 Maui souvenir
13 Frizzy hairstyle
14 Tragic
15 Proscribe
16 Gave a sermon
18 Seaweed, e.g.
20 Mr. Sajak
21 Amorphous mass
24 "La — Vita"
28 Additionally
32 Streamlet
33 Lawyers' org.
34 Big brass
36 Unruly bunch
37 Daughters' counterparts
39 Lien of a sort
41 Arrangement
43 Machu Picchu's place
44 Slithery squeezer
46 Civil War victors
50 Not merely embarrassed
55 Modern-day evidence
56 Disturb
57 Advan-tage
58 Freddy's street
59 Old woman's home?
60 Merino, e.g.
61 Nay opposer

Down

1 Actress Jessica
2 Repast
3 Engine knock
4 King Arthur's realm
5 E.T.'s craft
6 Blunder
7 Detergent
8 Film worker
9 Oz bigwig, for short
10 Prior to
11 Roulette bet
17 Young fellow
19 Census statistic
22 Egg
23 Jazz style
25 43-Across' capital
26 Stop up
27 North Sea feeder
28 Church service
29 Reed instrument
30 Carry on
31 Exceptional
35 Fruity pastry
38 Nuanced
40 Pistol
42 Luau side dish
45 Not many
47 Concept
48 Sans siblings
49 Appellation
50 "— Miniver"
51 Reaction to fireworks
52 Carnival city
53 Altar affirmative
54 Id counterpart

▶ Yesterday's answer

Sudoku

9			8					
1		5		2	4			7
	2	8	9					
						4	8	
8		7				6		5
	1	3						
					6	7	2	
2			4	3		1		9
					5			8

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ▶

8	4	1	3	6	2	5	9	7
5	3	9	4	7	1	8	6	2
6	2	7	9	5	8	1	3	4
7	5	3	8	4	6	2	1	9
9	6	8	1	2	7	3	4	5
2	1	4	5	9	3	7	8	6
4	8	6	7	3	5	9	2	1
3	7	2	6	1	9	4	5	8
1	9	5	2	8	4	6	7	3

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TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
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Andrew Schultz, Meteorologist
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Today's horoscope

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♈ Aries March 21-April 20 You sometimes find it hard to change course when the situation demands it, but today you will do whatever is necessary to get out of the hole you find yourself in.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 You may have to be ruthless with someone you have dealings with today, especially if they have been wasting your time on trivialities.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 If you start the week in a positive frame of mind you will find it easier to deal with what happens around the time of Friday's eclipse.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 What the planets are trying to tell you is that you have been pushing yourself too hard.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23 Set your own targets and make your own rules.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 Family affairs have been a bit difficult of late, but you will soon get the chance to put things right.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 The approaching solar eclipse will make getting through to other people very easy indeed.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 Keep your spending to a minimum.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 Strive to have fun.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 You cannot be bothered with trivialities. It's the big questions that excite you.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 Reach out and make contact with someone who appears to be different.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20. You will be under a lot of pressure today, but there is no doubt at all that you can handle it, so don't panic

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